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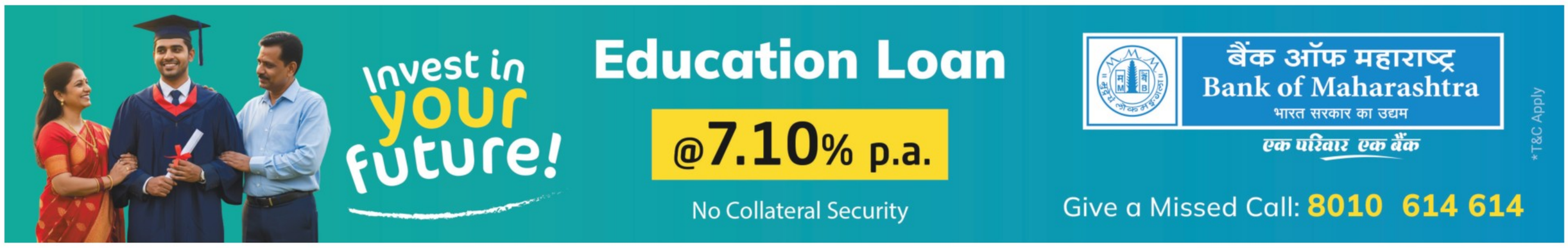

Elections stolen, alleges Rahul; EC demands proof 'under oath'

Leader of Opposition alleges collusion between EC and BJP, claims vote theft in five ways: duplicate voters, fake and invalid addresses, bulk voters at a single address, invalid photos, and misuse of Form 6; he alleges 1,00,250 'fake votes' in one seat

Sandeep Phukan
NEW DELHI

Accusing the Election Commission of India (EC) of "criminal fraud" and collusion with the BJP to steal elections, the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, on Thursday said 1,00,250 "fake votes" were created in the Mahadevapura Assembly segment in the Bangalore Central Lok Sabha constituency in Karnataka to ensure a win for the BJP.

Taking cognisance of Mr. Gandhi's allegations of voter roll manipulations in a Karnataka Assembly segment, the State Chief Electoral Officer asked him to submit his evidence under oath.

"I am a politician, what I say to the people is my word. I am saying it to the people publicly, take it as an oath. Interestingly, they haven't denied the information," Mr. Gandhi said in response.

Raising questions: Rahul Gandhi addressing a press conference in New Delhi on Thursday. SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

'Vote theft'

Earlier at the Congress headquarters, Mr. Gandhi took presspersons through a detailed presentation of the 'fraud'. "The Congress won all the Vidhan Sabhas [six out of seven] except Mahadevapura, where the BJP swept and secured a victory margin of 1,14,046 votes. This seat significantly contributed to their election win, and the Lok Sabha result went in their favour on that seat," he said.

He listed out five ways through which the alleged vote *chori* (theft) was done: duplicate voters, fake and invalid addresses, bulk voters at a single address, invalid photos, and the misuse of Form 6.

In his message to the EC, he said: "You are not in the business of destroying Indian democracy, you are in the business of protecting it. This is a crime that is being committed against the Indian Constitution, against the Indian flag."

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Rahul shows selective outrage, agony of losing power, says BJP

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Reacting to Rahul Gandhi's allegations of fraud in electoral rolls, BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra has said Mr. Gandhi displayed selective outrage as he never made such accusations about States where the Congress won. Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said Mr. Gandhi had lost his "composure in the agony of losing power".

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Arjun and Keymer get off to a winning start

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Cabinet nod for Karnataka Devadasi Bill

BENGALURU
The State Cabinet on Thursday approved 18 Bills, including the Karnataka Devadasi (Prevention, Prohibition, Relief and Rehabilitation) Bill, 2025, and Greater Bengaluru (Amendment) Bill, 2025.
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KIA handled 21.9m passengers in six months

BENGALURU
The Kempegowda International Airport, the third busiest airport in the country, handled a traffic of 21.9 million passengers in the first six months of 2025. » PAGE 2

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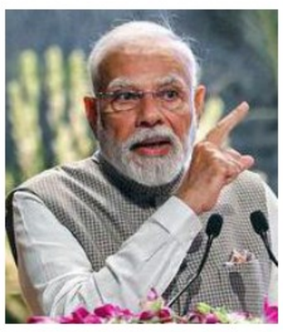
Modi vows to protect farmers amid FTA negotiations with U.S.

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

In an apparent reference to concerns of farmers over the proposed trade agreement with the United States, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Thursday that welfare of farmers is his government's "highest priority".

"For us, the welfare of our farmers is of the highest priority. Bharat will never compromise on the interests of its farmers, dairy farmers, and fishermen. And I am fully aware that I may have to pay a very heavy price personally, but I am prepared for it," he said, inaugurating the M.S. Swaminathan Centenary International Conference.


Narendra Modi

It has been reported that the U.S., under the free trade agreement (FTA) under negotiation, has sought access to Indian agriculture markets, especially to the dairy sector, and for exporting produce such as soybean, corn, almonds and apples.

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Trump non-committal on lifting extra tariffs if Ukraine war stops

Sriram Lakshman

U.S. President Donald Trump did not confirm whether the additional 25% tariffs he had announced on Wednesday, on Indian exports to the U.S., for New Delhi's trade in arms and energy with Moscow, would be cancelled if Russia and Ukraine agreed to a ceasefire.

"Well, we'll determine that later, but right now, they're paying a 50% tariff," Mr. Trump told a reporter who asked if the additional 25% tariff on top of the 25% 'reciprocal tariff' would go following a ceasefire.

Mr. Trump had reportedly told European allies on Wednesday that he would have an in-person meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin as early as next week and had plans for a follow-up with Mr. Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

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Plans for Putin's India visit almost finalised: Doval

National Security Adviser Ajit Doval met Russian President Vladimir Putin in Kremlin on Thursday. Earlier, speaking to Russian Security Council Secretary Sergei Shoigu, Mr. Doval said that plans for Mr. Putin's India visit were "almost finalised". » PAGE 12

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Cabinet clears Greater Bengaluru Bill for preparation of voters' list in 5 corporations

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State Cabinet on Thursday approved the Greater Bengaluru Governance (Amendment) Bill, 2025, for preparation of voters' list for each of the five corporations in the city and ensure early conduct of polls.

The government notified five corporations carved out of the existing city civic limits. The Bill proposed to prepare the voters' list for each corporation under the guidance and supervision of the State Election Commission (SEC).

The BBMP head office.

The Bill will be placed in the monsoon session of the State legislature, commencing from August 11.

The five corporations are Central, North, East, West, and South, of varying sizes in terms of area, population and population density.

The Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) was officially established on May 15, 2025, replacing the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) as the city's primary governing body.

The Bill will introduce some amendments to substitute a few words in the original Act (2024).

Briefing reporters on the Cabinet decisions, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H.K. Patil said amendments would enable early completion of electoral rolls and holding polls to all the five corporations. It would also give more clarity to the original Act and demarcation of boundaries between the five corporations, he said.

The Supreme Court on Monday directed the Karnataka government to strictly adhere to the timeline as mentioned in its affidavit and complete the process of ward delimitation and issuance of notification by November 1, 2025.

The SEC also filed an additional affidavit, stating that it would require 60 to 90 days after the final notification was issued by the State government for preparing and finalising electoral rolls for the city corporations.

The court scheduled the matter for further hearing on November 3, 2025.

Beginner's luck or the start of a new chapter in Indian cricket?

Gill lets his bat do the talking and also performs well as skipper with a depleted bowling unit in his first Test series in charge of the team; Siraj will remain the captain's most potent and reliable weapon when India plays outside Asia

PTI

R. Kaushik

Shubman Gill sat at the head table, a gentle smile playing on his lips, indulgently fielding one question after another. Every time a query pertained to Mohammed Siraj, seated to his left with the Player-of-the-Match medal dangling proudly from his neck, the smile grew wider. Except once when he parroted a questioner by saying 'Siraj *bhai*', he refrained from using the Hyderabadi's name. Just 'he' or 'him'. True respect, Indian style? Where taking a revered person's name is taboo?

Mutual admiration

That Gill has great respect for Siraj is no secret. It's a respect that has grown over time; the duo has played a lot together, for India-A and for Gujarat Titans, where Gill is the captain and Siraj his principal battering ram. Gill and Siraj form a mutual admiration society. The skipper is in awe of his pacer's ability to keep turning up, ball after ball, without losing discipline or intensity (a former England paceman asked this writer during the Oval Test, 'Will it be okay if I shake his hand? Will he respond? He is just like a bowling machine, unbelievable.'). Siraj likes that he has his captain's ear, that he can walk up and ask for and get fields without question.

It's an alliance certain to serve Indian cricket with distinction going forward. The pair made its Test debut in the same game, on Boxing Day at the MCG against Australia in December, 2020 - Gill because Prithvi Shaw was dropped after the 36 all out meltdown in Adelaide, Siraj owing to the broken forearm sustained in the same game by Mohammed Shami which ended his interest for the remainder of the tour.

Both had series to remember, like the Indian team and Indian cricket itself. As an opener, Gill finished with 259 runs at 51.80 with two half-centuries, including a vital 91 in the second innings of the final Test at the Gabba, which India won to clinch an epic 2-1 series triumph. Siraj's 13 wickets were the most for his country; like Gill, he too left his imprint in Brisbane with five for 73 in Australia's second innings, the first of his five Test five-fors.

Gill has since gone on to greater things – not that Siraj hasn't – culminating in the Test captaincy coming his way in May following the retirement of Rohit Sharma. At 25, he has the world at his feet, now more than ever following a tremendous 2-2 draw in England in one of the most storied Test series of all time. Siraj is older at 31, but he isn't going anywhere in a hurry. With due respect to Jasprit Bumrah, he will remain Gill's most potent and reliable weapon when India plays outside the continent, which won't be for another 15 months when they travel to New Zealand for two Tests.

It wasn't as if Gill was talking up Siraj at The Oval on Monday afternoon only because he knows how crucial Siraj will be going forward. It was just another example of a captain comfortable in his skin after just five games in charge, happy to share the credit around in his moment of collective and individual glory – he was also adjudged India's Player-of-the-Series by England head coach Brendon McCullum, for 754 runs with four hundreds.

Gill conceded that he had been under pressure to prove himself with the bat at the start of the series. Since that maiden tour of Australia which was such a roaring success, the right-hander has struggled for impact whenever India have played outside Asia. In 18 innings between Brisbane 2021 and Headingley 2025, Gill had a highest of 36 in Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, the Caribbean and England combined. His request for a drop down to No. 3 from the tour of the West Indies in July 2023, which won the nod of Rohit and then head coach Rahul Dravid, was proving to be a bit of a disaster with just two 30-plus tallies in 10 innings when he turned things around with 104 against England in Visakhapatnam. How much time would he take to settle in at No. 4, a position now vacant because of Virat Kohli's retirement?

Despite Kohli's very average run in Tests in his last five years, those were big shoes to fill. The shoes got even bigger when one considered who Kohli's predecessor at No. 4 was for two decades - a certain Sachin Tendulkar, Test cricket's most prolific run-scorer and century-maker. As if the pressure of having to correct a disturbing run of scores outside Asia wasn't immense enough, Gill had to double-justify his place as India's long-term No. 4.

Making a statement

No problem, the skipper announced with thunderous effect, backing up 147 in his first innings as Test captain and India's No. 4 with 269 and 161 in the next game in Birmingham. After two Tests and four innings, he had a ridiculous 585 runs; his 430 runs at Edgbaston meant only Graham Gooch (456) had scored more runs in a Test. If ever there is something like a dream start...

It was impossible for Gill to match those standards for the duration of the series and there was an inevitable slump – just one score of more than 25 in his last six innings – but the one meaningful effort came in a match-saving cause in Manchester in the second innings of the fourth Test. His six-hour-19-minute 103, allied with K.L. Rahul's 90 and unbeaten centuries by Ravindra Jadeja and Washington Sundar, helped India negotiate 143 third-innings overs and come away with an honourable draw on which India built outstandingly with their series-levelling six-run heist at The Oval earlier in the week.

Gill's final tally might not have done justice to the numbers he had stacked up 40% of the way into the series, but 754 is hardly trifling. Among Indians, only Sunil Gavaskar (774, West Indies, 1971) has more runs in a single series; Gill also left Gavaskar behind for most runs by an Indian captain (the *Little Master* had made 732 against West Indies in 1978-79) while courting elite company alongside Gavaskar and Don Bradman for the most hundreds – four) by a captain in a Test series. Player-of-the-Series medal justified? Hmmm, maybe...

The bigger examination, though, was always going to be of his captaincy acumen. His man-management, sure, but also how he would handle his bowling resources. In many ways, because Bumrah was never going to be available for all five Tests, Gill was starting with one hand tied behind his back. No matter what, he would have had to field a different bowling combination in every game, which meant a constant revisit of plans, the lack of continuity a huge deterrent to Gill formulating an organic captaincy style.

Daunting proposition

For even a seasoned skipper to know right at the start of the series that he would not have his best bowler, who is also the top bowler in the universe currently at least, if not of all time, to fall back on in every single game is a daunting proposition. Gill must have wondered how he would cope when the time came. To his credit, he did a pretty good job of it. India winning both Tests in which Bumrah didn't figure is a coincidence and no more than that, but without Bumrah, Gill was forced to dig deep into his reasonably limited experience of First-Class captaincy, and he wasn't found wanting.

In the early stages, and particularly during the fourth innings of the first Test when England made a target of 371 appear reasonably miniscule, Gill wasn't in his element. Far from it. First when openers Zak Crawley and Ben Duckett were flaying the bowling while adding 188, or later with Joe Root and Jamie Smith making merry, Gill looked a little lost and helpless, his cause not helped by his bowlers bowling on both sides of the wicket and making it impossible for him to set even run-denying fields. But by the end of the series, and especially towards the closing stages of the Oval classic on the final morning, he had found a method that he was most comfortable with.

Even to the last ball of the two overs in which Gus Atkinson was on strike with an injured Chris Woakes, his dislocated left shoulder in a sling, at the non-striker's end, Gill chose not to bring the field in to deny Atkinson the single and therefore the strike at the start of the next over. His logic was simple – the ball was doing plenty and he'd rather keep the field out and force England to get the remaining 17 runs in singles rather than whittle down the target with a couple of boundaries, which were very much on if the field came in. One can argue with that line of thought, but at least a fair amount of thinking had gone into the approach that his bowlers and the captain himself were most comfortable with. "Any team in that position, there is always a lot of pressure on the batting team, because it's a one-ball game to get a batter out," Gill reasons, taking a cue from what he would be most uncomfortable doing in that situation as a batter.

The continued overlooking of left-arm wrist-spinner Kuldeep Yadav was a sore point, especially in the games where Bumrah didn't play and because the pitches for most of the series wore a dry look, but in the final analysis, his faith in batting depth paid off. Gill isn't unaware that his captaincy will be judged by the results, but he is losing no sleep over it. "When your decision go well, people obviously praise you; when they don't go well, I am aware that there are going to be shots taken at me, which I am fine with," he rationalises, "because at the end of the day, I know that I made a decision which was the best for our team."

Should 2-2 be put down to beginner's luck? Or is it the beginning of a new chapter in Indian cricket? Watch this space, shall we say?

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P & SC No. 374/2025

BETWEEN:

1) SMT. AMBIKA DHAWAN, D/o Late Sri. Rajkumar Dhawan, Aged about 40 years, Residing at 301, Stratton Park, 2nd Main Road, Near Reva College, AECS Layout Sanjaynagar, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru, Karnataka – 560 094

2) SMT.SARIKA GUPTA, D/o Late Sri. Rajkumar Dhawan, Aged about 48 years, Residing at No.1444, Sector-15, Part-2, Gurgaon Haryana-122001

3) SMT.SIMMI DHAWAN PANDYA, D/o Late Sri. Rajkumar Dhawan, Aged about 43 years, Residing at G-14,Fort House, Survey No.34/1, Opp Union Bank ATM, Kodigehalli, Sahakar Nagar, Bangalore North-560092

.... PETITIONERS

AND:NIL .... RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the above named has made Petition to this court under Section 278 of Indian Succession Act, 1925 for the grant of Letter of Administration in favour of the Petitioners, in respect of schedule mentioned below. The below mentioned schedule was held by **Late Mr. Rajkumar Dhawan who expired on 22/07/2023. Petitioners are the children of Late Mr. Rajkumar Dhawan.**

Interested parties are hereby called upon to appear before this court in person or by pleader, duly instructed, **on 09/09/2025 at 11:00 AM** to show cause against the Petitioners, failing which the Petition will be heard and declared ex parte.

SCHEDULE A

Details of movable assets including bank accounts which may hold any cash, jewellery, deposits or mutual fund balance.

Sr. No	Details	Value
1.	Mutual Fund bearing Folio No.10174735/80	40,00,000 (Approx)
2.	Mutual Fund bearing Folio No.6232341/18	50,000 (Approx)

SCHEDULE- B
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Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department

Office of the Executive Engineer Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Division Koppal.
Phone & Fax No : 08539-220054 email: eemidnkst@rediffmail.com

No:EE/MI&GWDD/Koppal/PB/TP/2025-26/2515 Dated: 07-08-2025

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER

The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Division Koppal district invites tenders from the eligible tenderers registered civil contractors as per standard bid documents KW-2,3 & KW-4 on KPP portal for 32 no. of tender works pertaining to Raichur District. The approximate amount for the mentioned works are Min. **Rs.55.00 Lakhs.** & Max. **Rs. 489.00 Lakhs. Two cover** tender procedure as per rule 28 of the KTTP act shall be followed.

For more information the contractor can contact the under signed during office hours and all information regarding tenders can be had from website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/** The tender documents can be downloaded from the above website address on or after **08-08-2025.** Last date & time for receipt of tender is **16-08-2025 time 17.30** hours, Pre bid meeting will be held on **11-08-2025 time 11.00** Hours at division office koppal, Date & time for opening of technical bid **18-08-2025 time 11.00** hours, date and time for opening of financial bid **20-08-2025 time 11.00** hours (If technical bid sanction is accorded by the competent authority).

Sd/-Executive Engineer
Minor Irrigation and
Ground Water Development
DIPR/Koppal/269/DeshpandePublicity/2025-26 Department Division Koppal.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, DIVISION, CHITRADURGA

No.EE:PWD:CTA:JE-1:Tender-23:2025-26 Dated:- 07.08.2025

SHOR TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from registered Contractors in KPWD for the following work through KPPP Portal as per standard tender documents rules.

Name of work:- Two cover System:- Head of Account 5054-04-337-0-01-154 MDR Improvements:- (1) Improvements and Asphalting to road Aimangala-Horakedevapura via Dasannanamalige from Ch 1.00 to 3.50km and 6.00 to 10.00km (in selected reaches) in Hiriyur Taluk (Working Ch 1.00 to 2.00 Km, 2.90 to 3.05 km, 6.00 to 8.40 km and 9.25 to 9.75 km) (WI.19324)/Call-4 Estimate Cost Rs. in Lakhs:-250.00

Tender dates are as mentioned below: Late Date & time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications 21-08-2025 Time: 17.30

Last Date & time for receipt of tenders 22-08-2025 Time: 16.00

Date & time for opening of Technical Bid 25-08-2025 Time: 11.00

Date & time for opening of Financial Bid 28-08-2025 Time: 11.00

Further details can be obtained from this office and H.P. Company helpline Numbers 080-25501216 and 080-25501227.

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DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 [SARFAESI ACT, 2002]

Name of the Borrowers :
1. M/S LEO PLASTIC (Prop. Mr.RajeshKochar), No.108, Gollarpalaya Hosahalli, Vishwaneedam Post, Magadi Road Bangalore 560091.
2. Mr. KOCHAR RAJESH,
3. MS. NIRMALA KOCHAR, Both are at : Flat no C-206, Mars Classic 8th cross, 1st main KenchenahalliMain road, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bangalore – 560098
4. Sharda Devi Kochar, 5. Jai ChandLalKochar, 6. DevamKochar
No. 4,5 & 6 are at : 22/2, 1st floor, 2ndcross,MGK Murthy layout, Chamarajpet, Bangalore – 560018.

1. That you addressee(s) No.1, 2 & 3requested the Bank for financial assistance and upon the request our Bank sanctioned the following credit facilities:-

Account No.	Date of Sanction	Type of Loan facility	Name of loan party	Amount of loan	Rate of Interest(per annum)
03481600000192	20-07-2020	Cash Credit	M/s Leo Plastic Prop: Mr. Kochar Rajesh Guarantor : Mrs. Nirmalakochar	Rs.90,00,000/-	Repo rate (4.00%) + CRP(1.35%) + BSP(4.00%) -1 %= 8.35% floating

That you addressee(s) No.1, 2 requested the Bank for financial assistance and upon the request our Bank sanctioned the following credit facilities:-

Account No.	Date of Sanction	Type of Loan facility	Name of loan party	Amount of loan	Rate of Interest(per annum)
03481200001342	30-06-2020	PSB ECLGS	M/s Leo Plastic Prop: Mr. Kochar Rajesh Guarantor : Mrs. Nirmalakochar	Rs.10,00,000/-	Repo rate (4.00%) + CRP(0.65%) + BSP(2.85%) = 7.50% floating
03481200001676	10-12-2021	PSB-GECL 1.0 Extension	M/s Leo Plastic Prop: Mr. Kochar Rajesh Guarantor : Mrs. Nirmalakochar	Rs.16,95,000/-	Repo rate (4.00%) + CRP(0.65%) + BSP(2.85%) = 7.50% floating

The above mentioned Cash Credit, PSB ECLGS and PSB-GECL 1.0 Extension loan facilities were duly secured by equitable mortgage of immovable property – Site bearing no: 108,situated at Hosahalli, Gollarapalya, BBMP ward no 40 earlier in the limits of Hosahalli Gram Panchayat , YeshwantpurHobli Bangalore North Talukin the name of Kochar Rajesh (Addressee No.2) for securing the credit facilities in favour of the Bank.

That you addressee(s) No. 2 & 3requested the Bank for financial assistance and upon the request our Bank(B O Indira Nagar) sanctioned the following credit facilities.

Account No.	Date of Sanction	Type of Loan facility	Name of loan party	Amount of loan	Rate of Interest (per annum)	Document Execution Date
14031200000049	14-12-2015	Home loan	Mr. KOCHAR RAJESH Mrs. NirmalaKochar Guarantor : Sh.DevamKochar Sh.JaichandLalKochar Smt. Sharda Devi Kochar	Rs.35,00,000/-	BR + .00% = 9.75%	14-12-2015

That you addressee(s) No. 2 requested the Bank for financial assistance and upon the request our Bank(B O Indira Nagar) sanctioned the following credit facilities.

Account No.	Date of Sanction	Type of Loan facility	Name of loan party	Amount of loan	Rate of Interest (per annum)	Document Execution Date
14031200000139	23-02-2017	Home loan	Mr. KOCHAR RAJESH Guarantor : Mrs. NirmalaKochar Sh.JaichandLalKochar Smt. Sharda Devi Kochar	Rs.33,45,000/-	MCLRY (floating)	27-02-2017
14031200000663	17-08-2022	Pre approved Personal Loan	Mr. KOCHAR RAJESH Guarantor : Mrs. NirmalaKochar Smt. Sharda Devi Kochar	Rs.6,69,000/-	Repo rate (5.40%) + CRP(0.05%) + BSP(5.05%) = 10.50% floating	26-08-2022

That you addressee(s) No. 2,3 and 4 requested the Bank for financial assistance and upon the request our Bank (B O Indira Nagar) sanctioned the following credit facilities

Account No.	Date of Sanction	Type of Loan facility	Name of loan party	Amount of loan	Rate of Interest (per annum)	Document Execution Date
14031200000370	26-11-2019	PSB Mortgage Loan	Mr. KOCHAR RAJESH Mrs. NirmalaKochar Smt. Sharda Devi Kochar	Rs.8,20,000/-	Repo rate (5.40%) + CRP(0.30%) + BSP(5.25%) = 10.95% floating	28-11-2019
14031200000371	26.11.2019	PSB Mortgage Loan	Mrs. NirmalaKochar Mr. KOCHAR RAJESH Smt. Sharda Devi Kochar	Rs.10,00,000/-	Repo rate (5.40%) + CRP(0.30%) + BSP(5.25%) = 10.95% floating	28-11-2019

That you addressee(s) No. 3 requested the Bank for financial assistance and upon the request our Bank (B O Indira Nagar) sanctioned the following credit facilities

Account No.	Date of Sanction	Type of Loan facility	Name of loan party	Amount of loan	Rate of Interest (per annum)	Document Execution Date
14031200000664	17-08-2022	Preapproved Personal Loan	Mrs. NirmalaKochar Guarantor Mr. KOCHAR RAJESH	Rs.7,00,000.00	Repo rate (5.40%) + CRP(0.05%) + BSP(5.05%) = 10.50% floating	26-08-2022

The above mentioned home loans, Mortgage loans, and Preapproved Personal Loans were duly secured by equitable mortgage of immovable property – All that piece and parcel of Residential Apartment unit bearing No SF-206 Block C situated on the Second Floor of apartment building known as 'MARS CLASSIC' measuring a super built up area of 1349 Square Feet with one covered/open car parking space in the basement floor together with 476 Square Feet undivided share, right,title and interest and Residential Apartment unit bearing No SF-207 Block C situated on the Second Floor of apartment building known as 'MARS CLASSIC' measuring a super built up area of 1179 Square Feet with one covered/open car parking space in the basement floor together with 416 Square Feet undivided share, right,title and interest as mentioned in the table.

2. That you addressee(s) No.1 ,2 and 3 have executed various loaning documents on 20-07-2020 in respect of the above Cash Creditand agreed to pay the amount with an interest Repo rate (4.00%) + CRP(1.35%) + BSP(4.00%) -1 %= 8.35% floating with monthly rests and at present revised ROI is @Repo rate (5.50%) + CRP(0.29%) + BSP(2.31%) =8.10% per annum with monthly rests and addressee(s) No.1 and2 have executed various loaning documents in respect of PSB ECLGS on 30-06-2020 and agreed to pay the amount with a interest Repo rate (4.00%) + CRP(0.65%) + BSP(2.85%) = 7.50% per annum with monthly rests and at present revised ROI is Repo rate (5.50%) + CRP(0.65%) + BSP(2.10%) = 8.25% per annum with monthly rests and also addressee(s) No.1&2 have executed various loaning documents on 10.12.2021 in respect of PSB-GECL 1.0 Extension loan facility and agreed to pay the amount with a interest @Repo rate (4.00%) + CRP(0.65%) + BSP(2.85%) = 7.50% per annum with monthly rests and at present revised ROI is Repo rate ((5.50%) + CRP(0.65%) + BSP(2.10%) = 8.25% per annum per annum with monthly rests and also along with penal interest at 2% over and above of normal rate if defaulting in observation of borrowing covenants/terms and conditions of sanction and guidelines of the Bank from time to time, in respect of the above said facilities.

That you addressee No.2 stood as guarantor for addressee No.1in consideration of the above said Loan facilities and executed the deed of continuing guarantee for above mentioned overdraft facility

That you addressee(s) No. 2 and 3 have executed various loaning documents as mentioned in the tablein respect of the above home loan in the name of addressee No2 and 3 and agreed to pay the amount with an BR + .00% = 9.75% floating with monthly rests and at present revised ROI is @Repo rate (5.50%) + CRP(0.51%) + BSP(2.04%) =8.05% per annum with monthly rests.That you addressee No.4,5 and 6 stood as guarantor for addressee No.2 & 3in consideration of the above said Loan facilities and executed the deed of continuing guarantee for above mentioned loan facility.

That you addressee(s) No. 2 has executed various loaning documents as mentioned in the table in respect of the above home loan and agreed to pay the amount with an MCLRY (floating) with monthly rests and at present revised ROI is @Repo rate (5.50%) + CRP(0.85%) + BSP(2.05%) =8.40% per annum with monthly rests. That you addressee No.3,4 and 5 stood as guarantor for addressee No.2 in consideration of the above said Loan facilities and executed the deed of continuing guarantee for above mentioned overdraft facility.

That you addressee(s) No. 2 has executed various loaning documents on 26-08-2022 in respect of the above Preapproved Personal Loan and agreed to pay the amount with an Repo rate (5.40%) + CRP(0.05%) + BSP(5.05%) = 10.50%floatingwith monthly rests and at present revised ROI is @Repo rate (5.50%) + CRP(0.19%) + BSP(5.05%) =10.74% per annum with monthly rests.That you addressee No.3 stood as guarantor for addressee No.2 in consideration of the above said Loan facilities and executed the deed of continuing guarantee for above mentioned overdraft facility.

That you addressee(s) No. 2,3 and 4 have executed various loaning documents on 28-11-2019 in respect of the above PSB Mortgage Loanand agreed to pay the amount with interest per annum of Repo rate (5.40%) + CRP(0.30%) + BSP(5.25%) = 10.95% floatingwith monthly rests and at present revised ROI is @Repo rate (5.50%) + CRP(0.51%) + BSP(3.34%) =9.35% per annum with monthly rests and loaning documents on 28-11-2019 in respect of the above PSB Mortgage Loan and agreed to pay the amount interest per annum of an Repo rate (5.40%) + CRP(0.30%) + BSP(5.25%) = 10.95% floating with monthly rests and at present revised ROI is @Repo rate (5.50%) + CRP(0.51%) + BSP(3.34%) =9.35% per annum with monthly rests.

That you addressee(s) No. 3 has executed various loaning documents on 26-08-2022 in respect of the above Preapproved Personal Loanand agreed to pay the amount with interest per annum of Repo rate (5.40%) + CRP(0.30%) + BSP(5.25%) = 10.50% floating with monthly rests and at present revised ROI per annum is @Repo rate (5.40%) + CRP(0.05%) + BSP(5.05%) = 10.50% floatingper annum with monthly rests .That you addressee No.2 stood as guarantor for addressee No.3 in consideration of the above said Loan facilities and executed the deed of continuing guarantee for above mentioned overdraft facility.

3. That you addressee No.2created equitable mortgage in respect of immovable property belonging to Mr. Kochar Rajesh to secure the dues of the Bank, in consideration of the above said loan facilities to addressee(s) No.1 and 2

The details of the security are as under: -

a) Name of the Mortgagor : Addressee No.2Mr. Kochar Rajesh
b) Mortgagee : Punjab & Sind Bank, Chickpet branch
c) Sum Secured : Rs.90,00,000/- (Rupees Ninety lakhs only), Rs.10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten lakhs only) Rs.16,95,000/- (Rupees Sixteen lakhs Ninety Five Thousand only)
d) Rate of Interest : @8.35% p.a. in Cash Credit at sanction(8.10% p.a. at present) @7.50% p.a. in PSB ECLGS loan at sanction (8.25% p.a at present) @7.50% p.a. in PSB ECLGS loan at sanction (8.25% p.a at present)
e) Details of the property mortgaged: All that piece and parcel of industrial Sites bearing no: Site bearing no: 108,situated at Hosahalli, Gollarapalya, BBMP ward no 40 earlier in the limits of Hosahalli Gram Panchayat , YeshwantpurHobli Bangalore North Talukmeasuring North to South 38 feet, East to West 60 feet and in total 2280 Square feet.
f) Property bounded on : East by : Road, **West by :** Private Property, **South by :** Road, **North by :** Property belonging to H C Papanna.

4. That you addressee No.2 also created equitable mortgage in respect of immovable property belonging to Mr. Kochar Rajesh to secure the dues of the Bank (Branch Indira Nagar), in consideration of the above said loan facilities.

The details of the security are as under: - Name of the Mortgagor : Addressee No.2 Mr. Kochar Rajesh
a) Mortgagee : Punjab & Sind Bank, Indira Nagar branch
b) :

Loan Account	Sum Secured	Rate of Interest (per annum)
14031200000139	Rs. 33,45,000/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lacs Forty Five Thousand only)	Home Loan 8.40 % p.a at present
14031200000663	Rs. 6,69,000/- (Rupees Six Lacs Sixty Nine Thousand only)	Pre approved personal Loan 10.74% at present
14031200000370	Rs.8,20,000/- (Rupees Eight Lacs Twenty Thousand only)	PSB mortgage loan 9.35% at present

c) Details of the property mortgaged: Schedule A (Entire property) : Item No1: All that piece and parcel of land bearing Sy No 11/6 bearing No ALN(S)SR(KEN)34/12-13 situated at Kenchenahalli Village, KengeriHobli, Bangalore South Taluk measuring 14 ½ guntas bounded **East by :** 40 feet wide road, **West by :** property bearing Sy No 40/2, **North By :** Property belonging to others and **South By :** Property bearing Sy No 11/6.
Item No 2 : All that piece and parcel of land bearing Sy No 40/2 bearing No ALN(S)SR(KEN)33/12-13 situated at Kenchenahalli Village, KengeriHobli, Bangalore South Taluk measuring 10 ½ guntas bounded **East by :** Property bearing Sy No 11/6, **West by :** property bearing Sy No 40/2, **North By :** Sites formed out of Sy No 40/2 belonging to Shanthamma and her children,**South By :** Property bearing Sy No 40/2 belonging to Shanthamma and her children.
Item No 3 : All that piece and parcel of land bearing Sy No 11/6 bearing No ALN(S)SR(KEN)34/12-13 situated at Kenchenahalli Village, KengeriHobli, Bangalore South Taluk measuring 14 ½ guntas bounded **East by :** Road, **West by :** property bearing Sy No 40/2 belonging to owners, **North By :** Property bearing Sy No 11/6 belonging to Savithramma and **South By :** Property bearing Sy No 41 belonging to others and Road.
Item No 4 : All that piece and parcel of land bearing Sy No 40/2 bearing No ALN(S)SR(KEN)33/12-13 situated at Kenchenahalli Village, KengeriHobli, Bangalore South Taluk measuring 14 ½ guntas bounded **East by :** Road, **West by :** Property bearing Sy No 11/6 belonging to owners, **North By :** property bearing Sy No 40/2 belonging to Shanthamma and her children, **South By :** Property bearing Sy No 41 belonging to others
Schedule B (Property owned by Mortgagors) : All that piece and parcel of Residential Apartment unit bearing No SF-206 Block C situated on the Second Floor of apartment building known as 'MARS CLASSIC' measuring a super built up area of 1349 Square Feet with one covered/open car parking space in the basement floor together with 476 Square Feet undivided share, right,title and interest in the Schedule A property.

5. That you addressee No.2 and 3 also created equitable mortgage in respect of immovable property belonging to Mr. Kochar Rajesh and Mrs. NirmalaKochar to secure the dues of the Bank (Branch Indira Nagar), in consideration of the above said loan facilities.

The details of the security are as under: - Name of the Mortgagor : Addressee No.2 Mr. Kochar Rajeshand Mrs. NirmalaKochar
a) Mortgag : Punjab & Sind Bank, Indira Nagar branch
b) :

Loan Account	Sum Secured	Rate of Interest (per annum)
14031200000049	Rs.35,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Five lakhs only)	Home Loan 8.05 % p.a at present
14031200000371	Rs.10,00,000/-(Rupees Ten Lacs only)	PSB mortgage loan 9.35% at present
14031200000370	Rs.7,00,000/- (Rupees Seven Lacs only)	PSB mortgage loan 9.35% at present

c) Details of the property mortgaged: Item No1: All that piece and parcel of land bearing Sy No 11/6 bearing No ALN(S)SR(KEN)34/12-13 situated at Kenchenahalli Village, KengeriHobli, Bangalore South Taluk measuring 14 ½ guntas bounded **East by :** 40 feet wide road, **West by :** property bearing Sy No 40/2, **North By :** Property belonging to others and **South By :** Property bearing Sy No 11/6.
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Schedule B (Property owned by Mortgagors)
All that piece and parcel of Residential Apartment unit bearing No SF-207 Block C situated on the Second Floor of apartment building known as 'MARS CLASSIC' measuring a super built up area of 1179 Square Feet with one covered/open car parking space in the basement floor together with 416 Square Feet undivided share, right,title and interest in the Schedule A property.

6. Present Sum Due:
a. PSB Cash Credit Loan Account No. 03481600000192: Rs. 91,35,436.00 (Rupees Ninety One Lakh Thirty Five Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Six only) as on 31.05.2025plus interest/charges from 01.06.2025
b. PSB ECLGS Loan Account No.03481200001342: Rs.1,26,572.45 (Rupees One Lakh Twenty Six Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Two and Paisa Forty Five only) as on 31.05.2025plus interest/charges from 01.06.2025
c. PSB-Gecl 1.0 Extension Loan Account No. 03481200001676: Rs.10,38,558.36 (Rupees Ten Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Eight and Paisa Thirty Six only) as on 31.05.2025plus interest/charges from 01.06.2025
d. PSB Home Loan account 14031200000049 : Rs.16,49,690.08 (Rupees Sixteen Lacs Forty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Ninety and Paisa Eight only)as on 31.05.2025plus interest/charges from 01.06.2025
e. PSB Home Loan account 14031200000139 : Rs. 29,10,387.89 (Rupees Twenty Nine LacsTen Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Seven and Paisa Eighty Nine only)as on 31.05.2025plus interest/charges from 01.06.2025
f. PSB MORTGAGE TERM LOAN14031200000370 : Rs.7,02,495.29(Rupees SevenLacsTwoThousandFour Hundred Ninety Five and Paisa Twenty Nine only)as on 31.05.2025plus interest/charges from 01.06.2025
g. PSB Personal Loan account 14031200000663 : Rs.4,78,798.34 (Rupees Four LacsSeventy Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Eight and Paisa Thirty Four only)as on 31.05.2025plus interest/charges from 01.06.2025
h. PSB MORTGAGE TERM LOAN account 14031200000371 : Rs.8,29,239.28(Rupees EightLacsTwenty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Nine and Paisa Twenty Eight only)as on 31.05.2025plus interest/charges from 01.06.2025
I. PSB Personal Loan account 14031200000664 : Rs.5,00,887.91 (Rupees Five LacsEight Hundred Eighty Seven and Paisa Ninety only)as on 31.05.2025plus interest/charges from 01.06.2025
Total Sum due as on 26.06.2025 is Rs.1,73,72,065.60(Rupees One Crore Seventy ThreeLacsSeventy Two Thousand Sixty Five and Paisa Sixty only) plus interest/charges from 01.06.2025.

7. That you agreed to pay the additional interest at the rate of 2 percent per annum over and above the normal agreed rate of interest with monthly rests, on the said loan accounts, in case of default, as per terms and conditions of the sanction and loaning documents.
8. The Cash Credit Loan was repayable on demand and PSB ECLGSloan was to be repayable in 36 Equated Monthly Installments of Rs.30,417/- starting from 31-07-2022and PSB-Gecl 1.0 Extension Loan was to be repayable in 36 Equated Monthly Installments of Rs.52,725.04/- starting from 30.12.2023.
The home loan of Rs.35 Lacs was to be payable in 244 Equated Monthly Installments of Rs.33,200.00/- starting from 31-08-2022 and the other home loan of Rs.33.45Lacs was to be payable in 229 Equated Monthly Installments of Rs.30,091/- starting from 31-08-2022 and the PSB Mortgage loan of Rs.8.20 Lacs was to be payable in 120 Equated Monthly Installments of Rs.8798.00/- starting from 31-08-2022 and the personal loan of Rs.6.69 Lacswas to be payable in 84 Equated Monthly Installments of Rs.11,280.00/- starting from 30-09-2022 and the PSB MORTGAGE TERM LOAN of Rs.10 Lacswas to be payable in 120 Equated Monthly Installments of Rs.13,747.00/- starting from 30-08-2022 and the personal loan of Rs.7 Lacswas to be payable in 84 Equated Monthly Installments of Rs.11,803.00/- starting from 30-09-2022.
9. That your loan accounts were classified as Non-Performing Asset as on 26.06.2025 as per the Definition of Section 2(o) of the SARFAESI Act.
10. That our Bank maintains the regular books of account and now showing a debit balance of Rs. 91,35,436.00 (Rupees Ninety One Lakh Thirty Five Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Six only) in Cash Credit account No. 03481600000192 and a debit balance of Rs.1,26,572.45 (Rupees One Lakh Twenty Six Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Two and Paisa Forty Five only) in PSB ECLGSaccount No.03481200001342 and a debit balance of Rs.10,38,558.36 (Rupees Ten Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Eight and Paisa Thirty Six only) in PSB-Gecl 1.0 Extension Loan account No.03481200001676 and a debit balance of Rs.16,49,690.08 (Rupees Sixteen Lacs Forty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Ninety and Paisa Eight only) in PSB Home Loan account 14031200000049 and a debit balance of Rs. 29,10,387.89 (Rupees Twenty Nine Lacs Ten Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Seven and Paisa Eighty Nine only) in PSB Home Loan account 14031200000139 and a debit balance of Rs.7,02,495.29 (Rupees Seven LacsTwoThousand Four Hundred Ninety Five and Paisa Twenty Nine only in PSB MORTGAGE TERM LOAN account 14031200000370 and a debit balance of Rs.4,78,798.34 (Rupees Four LacsSeventy Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Eight and Paisa Thirty Four only) in PSB Personal Loan account 14031200000663 and a debit balance of Rs.8,29,239.28 (Rupees Eight Lacs Twenty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Nine and Paisa Twenty Eight only)in PSB MORTGAGE TERM LOAN account 14031200000371 and a debit balance of Rs.5,00,887.91 (Rupees Five Lacs Eight Hundred Eighty Seven and Paisa Ninety only) in PSB Personal Loan account 14031200000664as on 31.05.2025 plus future interest from 01.06.2025 is legally due and recoverable from you above named addressee(s) and you all are jointly and severally liable to pay the above said dues to the Bank with interest cost and other usual Bank charges till the date of payment in full.
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Chopped body parts found in plastic covers at Koratagere

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In a gory incident reported from Koratagere, Home Minister G. Parameshwara's constituency, residents of Kolala village made a shocking discovery on Thursday morning. They found parts of a human body stuffed in plastic covers and strewn along the road near the village's temple.

This created panic in the village. Police rushed to the spot and recovered four plastic covers containing chopped parts of a human body and sent them for autopsy to the district hospital.

The recovered body parts did not include the head of the victim. "It is not yet clear whether the body parts recovered belong to a male or a female. But going by the pattern of a tattoo on the hand, among the recovered parts, we suspect that it could be a female," a senior police officer said.

The police suspect that the victim was killed and the body was chopped into multiple pieces and some covers fell off on the road, while it was being disposed of.

Search operation

The police have also launched a search operation in the area to see if the remaining parts of the body were disposed of there.

Senior police officials, including Tumakuru District Superintendent of Police Ashok K.V., visited the village and supervised the probe.

The police have formed a special team after registering a case of murder and verifying footage from CCTV cameras in and around the area and cross verifying details of missing persons from Tumakuru district and surrounding areas.

KIA handled 21.9 million passengers in six months

This growth has been supported by increased capacity from major domestic and international carriers, the launch of new routes, and the start of operations by new international airlines

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The Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) which is the third busiest airport in the country handled a traffic of 21.9 million passengers in the first six months of 2025.

According to Fairfax India Holdings Corporation's second quarter financial results, the airport handled domestic passenger traffic of 18.6 million and international passenger traffic of 3.3 million in the first six months of 2025 representing year over year growth of 7.9% and 30.9%, respectively.

"This growth has been supported by increased capacity from major domestic and international carriers, the launch of new routes, and the start of operations by new international airlines," Fairfax India said in its 2025 Q2 Interim Report. Fairfax India holds 74.0% equity interest in the Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) which operates KIA.

The report said BIAL's plans to increase the overall capacity of the airport is also under way and include the construction of the second phase of Terminal 2 by fiscal year 2029. FILE PHOTO

The company added that cargo volumes at the airport also increased.

"Cargo volumes also grew 3.9% year over year, driven by continued growth in perishable exports, as well as heightened demand for international air cargo due to the current geopolitical landscape," it added.

It further said that the commencement of domestic and international operations for the first phase of Terminal 2 during 2023 increased annual passenger capacity at the airport by approximately 25 million.

"During 2024, BIAL revised its airport infrastructure expansion plan pertaining to several projects to be undertaken between fiscal years 2025 and 2028, with a primary goal to enhance accessibility and optimise existing airport operations in preparation for anticipated growth in passenger and air traffic," it said.

The expansion plans include new airport metro stations, upgrades to existing terminals, additional airplane taxiways, and new tunnels, connectors and walkways.

"BIAL's plans to increase the overall capacity of the airport also remain under way and include the construction of the second phase of Terminal 2 by fiscal year 2029 and a third terminal building by fiscal year 2034," the report said.

Chickballapur MP Sudhakar booked for abetment to suicide

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Babu, working as driver on a contract basis, left a death note naming some people

A 33-year-old driver of the Chief Accounts Officer of Chickballapur Zilla Panchayat ended life on the premises of the Deputy Commissioner's office, leaving behind a suicide note blaming BJP MP K. Sudhakar and his supporters, for pushing him to take the extreme step.

Sudhakar has been booked for abetment to suicide. In his suicide note, the deceased Babu accused Sudhakar, his supporters, Nagesh N., a close associate and Manjunath, a second division assistant, of cheating him of ₹25 lakh by promising him to get him a permanent job.

Babu, who was working as driver on a contract basis, approached Nagesh to get a permanent job. Claiming to be close to the then Minister for Health and Family Welfare and MP for Chickballapur Sudhakar, Nagesh allegedly assured to get the job done and demanded ₹40 lakh. Nagesh allegedly took Babu to Manjunath who reportedly confirmed that Sudhakar will get the job done and claimed that even he got a permanent job through the then Minister.

Babu raised a loan, put together all his savings, and allegedly paid Nagesh ₹25 Lakh on January 15, 2021. Nagesh allegedly took the money claiming that he had spoken to Sudhakar, and that the job would be done soon. However, Nagesh did not get the job done and started dodging Babu. Dejected over this he ended his life, the letter said.

The Chickballapur police have registered an FIR against Sudhakar, Nagesh, and Manjunath on charges of abetment to suicide. Further investigation is on. The police are expected to issue summon to Sudhakar.

(Those having suicidal tendencies can call Arogya Sahayavani ph. 104 for help.)

Five women selected for fully funded Chevening-Karnataka scholarships

Shilpa Elizabeth
BENGALURU

First cohort of scholars under the Chevening-Karnataka scholarships. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The first cohort of five women scholars selected for the Chevening-Karnataka scholarships were officially announced on Thursday in the presence of M.C. Sudhakar, Minister for Higher Education, at the Karnataka State Higher Education Council.

The scholars—Niharikaa Naresh, Sushma Shyamsundar, Chandana Anjinappa, Athena Rose Joseph, and Shweata N. Hegde—will head to the U.K. for their master's scholarships in September.

The Karnataka government signed an MoU with the U.K.'s Chevening Scholarships programme in 2024 to launch a unique joint scholarship which fully funds five women graduates from Karnataka to study for a master's degree in the U.K.

Chandru Iyer, British Deputy High Commissioner to Karnataka and Kerala, said, "Empowering women and girls in the U.K. and around the world is a priority for us and an integral part of our partnership with India. I am glad that Karnataka is the first State in south India to take up the Chevening offer." The scholarship which looks at women graduates, preferably from government colleges, will continue every year for the next three years benefitting 15 women graduates in total.

Athena Rose Joseph, who hails from Kodagu, has been working as a development professional closely associated with programmes for sanitation workers in Tamil Nadu. Speaking about how she observed challenges in terms of policy implementations on the ground due to social and systemic issues, she feels voices and needs of people are often not taken into account while formulating and implementing policies.

Niharika Naresh, who hails from Bengaluru and holds a master's in food science and technology, says that while working with rural and tribal communities for food security, she understood the importance of understanding human behaviour for effective implementation.

Shweata Hegde, who hails from Mysuru, is planning pursue MSc in Science Communication from Imperial College London. Co-founder & Science Game Developer at Pralay, the Climate Game, Ms. Hegde feels that science communication in India is still in its infancy and the country needs more science communicators who are formally trained.

Sushma Shyamsundar, who holds a BE in Civil Engineering from BMS College of Engineering, transitioned to become a development practitioner after her studies. She plans to pursue higher studies at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland.

"Many people don't understand what development sector is. They ask when I would find a job that fills my pockets. Some even offer to find me a job at 'companies that gives you a cab service.' It is important to know what your vision is, but it also important to know what not to concentrate on and how to deflect unheeded advice," she notes.

Chandana Anjinappa, a rail systems engineer from Mysuru, is a mother to a toddler. "But I am also the daughter of a mother who have up her job to look after us and told me never to repeat the same if I found myself in a similar situation," she says.

Govinda Reddy appointed K-RIDE Managing Director

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BENGALURU

Even as the Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited (K-RIDE) is in the process to appoint a full-time Managing Director (MD), the State government has placed IAS officer Govinda Reddy in concurrent charge of the post.

2013 batch officer

Mr. Reddy, a 2013 batch officer currently serving as Joint Secretary in the Infrastructure Development, Ports and Inland Water Transport Department, replaces N. Manjula, who previously held additional charge of K-RIDE.

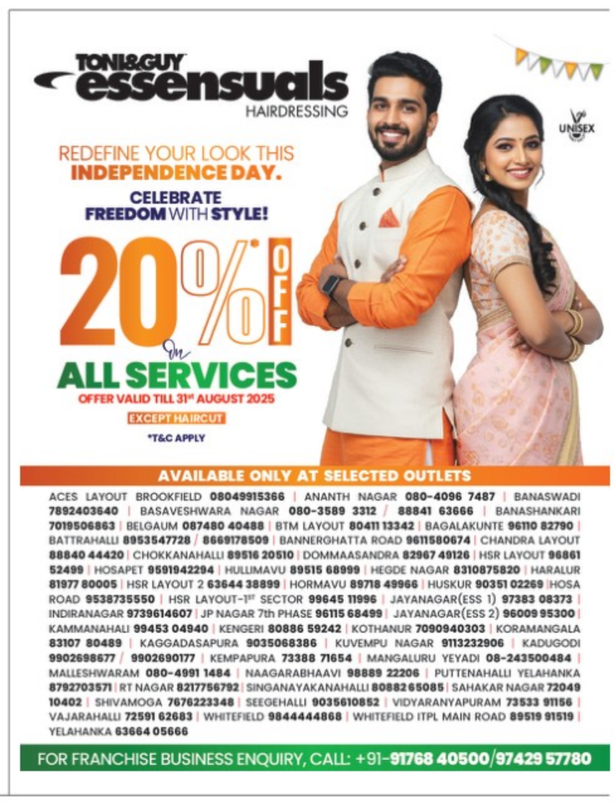
K-RIDE is the agency implementing the Bengaluru Suburban Railway Project (BSRP), a joint venture between the Karnataka government and the Ministry of Railways.

While the State holds a 51% stake, the Railways has often advocated for appointing a technocrat to the post, citing the engineering-heavy nature of the project.

In June, K-RIDE had issued a vacancy notice calling for applications from officers of Central Group 'A' services for a three-year deputation. According to sources familiar with the matter, the recruitment process for a full-time MD is still underway and soon the K-RIDE was about to appoint a MD.

Process ongoing

When contacted for a response, Minister for Large and Medium Industries and Infrastructure Development M.B. Patil was unavailable. However, a senior official in the State government clarified, "The selection process, as per the June vacancy notification, is ongoing. The appointment of Mr. Reddy will not hamper the process of appointing a full-time MD."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Constable falls victim to dating app scam, loses ₹28.2 lakh

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A 45-year-old police constable attached to the Karnataka State Reserve Police (KSRP) force fell victim to a dating app scam and lost ₹28.2 lakh in one month.

The victim, out of humiliation, did not reveal the incident for over a month, but later shared it with his friends, following which they suggested that he file a complaint.

Based on the complaint, the South East Cybercrime police on Thursday registered an FIR against unknown persons, invoking various sections of Information Technology Act, 2000, and also for cheating and impersonation.

According to the complaint, the victim was reportedly browsing the internet when he came across an advertisement of a company called 'Lovers World Dating Company'. Out of curiosity, he clicked on the link and shared his mobile number. The incident took place on May 24, and within minutes, he got a call from an unknown number asking him to pay ₹1,000 for registration to date girls. The victim followed the instructions and made the payment. He then began getting calls asking to pay ₹12,780 to get the profiles of the girls, to which he obliged. After payment, the victim received the photos and contact numbers of the girls, out of which he chose one of the girls and began chatting with her.

The accused then asked him to pay ₹39,900 assuring to refund ₹30,000 after the date. The victim transferred the money but the demand continued for more money on the pretext of different charges. The victim was reportedly harassed and forced to pay a total of ₹28.2 lakh in one month, for which he borrowed from his friends and even took a loan.

The police suspected that this could be a case of sextortion and that the victim could have been blackmailed.

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How groundwater contamination is fuelling chronic illnesses

Groundwater contamination in India has escalated into a national public health crisis; fluoride contamination, arsenic exposure, nitrate contamination, uranium, and heavy metals all affect drinking water and cause widespread health consequences; a bold, coordinated, and multi-dimensional strategy is the need of the hour

Sudheer Kumar Shukla

Despite India's rivers and seasonal monsoons, it is groundwater that sustains most of the nation's domestic and agricultural needs. Over 85% of rural drinking water and 65% of irrigation water come from below the surface. However, the rapid and often unregulated extraction of this vital resource has triggered a growing yet largely invisible crisis: groundwater pollution. Once considered nature's purest reserve, groundwater is now contaminated with nitrates, heavy metals, industrial toxins, and pathogenic microbes – posing a silent but grave threat to millions.

The 2024 Annual Groundwater Quality Report by the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) reveals alarming findings. More than 20% of samples from 440 districts were contaminated with nitrates, largely due to the overuse of chemical fertilizers and leaching from septic systems. Excessive fluoride was detected in over 9% of samples, causing widespread dental and skeletal fluorosis – particularly in Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana. Arsenic levels in parts of Punjab and Bihar far exceeded the World Health Organization (WHO) limit of 10 µg/L, increasing the risk of cancer and neurological disorders. Districts in Punjab, Andhra Pradesh, and Rajasthan reported uranium concentrations above 100 ppb – attributed to phosphate fertilizers and unregulated groundwater withdrawal.

Over 13% of tested samples also exceeded safe limits for iron, contributing to gastrointestinal and developmental disorders.

These figures are not mere statistics – they reflect systemic neglect and policy inertia.

Water woes: Groundwater sustains most of India's domestic and agricultural needs. Over 85% of rural drinking water and 65% of irrigation water come from underground sources. M.A. SRIRAM

Groundwater death zones

In Budhpur, Baghpat (Uttar Pradesh), 13 people died within a fortnight this year, from kidney failure and related complications – allegedly linked to toxic discharges from nearby paper and sugar mills contaminating local borewells. In Jalaun, residents reported petroleum-like fluids from hand pumps due to suspected underground fuel leaks. In Paikarapur, Bhubaneswar, sewage seepage from a faulty treatment plant led to the mass illness of hundreds.

These are not isolated incidents. These events reveal a disturbing pattern of weak enforcement, institutional apathy, and the public invisibility of a growing underground disaster.

Groundwater contamination in India has escalated into a national public health crisis. Studies by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and WHO India have documented widespread health consequences due to toxic substances in drinking water.

Fluoride contamination affects 230 districts across 20 States. Around 66 million people suffer from skeletal fluorosis – a debilitating condition that causes joint pain, bone deformities, and stunted growth, particularly in children. In Rajasthan, over 11,000 villages have reported cases. In Jhabua (Madhya Pradesh), fluoride levels exceed 5 mg/L, with 40% of tribal children affected. Unnao (Uttar Pradesh) has recorded over 3,000 skeletal deformity cases.

The 2024 CGWB report found that 9.04% of 15,259 samples groundwater samples exceeded the WHO's 1.5 mg/L fluoride limit. Sonebhadra (Uttar Pradesh) reported a 52.3% prevalence rate, and levels in Shivpuri (Madhya Pradesh) reached 2.92 mg/L. Effective interventions include defluoridation, improved nutrition, and provision of safe drinking water.

Arsenic exposure is concentrated in the Gangetic belt – including West Bengal, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, and Assam – and leads to skin lesions, gangrene, respiratory problems, and various internal cancers. A study conducted in Bihar, published in *Nature Scientific Reports* in 2021, reveals that elevated blood arsenic levels make 1 in 100 individuals highly vulnerable to cancer, including cancers of the skin, kidney, liver, bladder, and lungs, as well as other secondary cancer types.

In Ballia (Uttar Pradesh), arsenic concentrations reached 200 µg/L – 20 times the WHO limit – linked to over 10,000 cases of cancer and other diseases. In Bhojpur and Buxar districts of Bihar, similar impacts have been observed. While arsenic is geogenic, its mobilisation is worsened by groundwater over-extraction, mining, and irrigation. The 2024 CGWB report identified unsafe arsenic levels in 29 districts of Uttar Pradesh, with Bagpat recording 40 mg/L – 4,000 times above the safe threshold.

Nitrate contamination is rampant in northern India and poses a severe threat to infants. When baby formula is mixed with nitrate-laced water, it can cause "blue baby syndrome" (methemoglobinemia). The 2023 National Health Profile recorded a 28% rise in hospital admissions from acute nitrate toxicity over five years, particularly in Punjab, Haryana, and Karnataka. Today, 56% of districts exceed safe nitrate levels.

Uranium, once confined to select geological zones, is increasingly detected due to excessive groundwater extraction and fertiliser use. A study by the Central University of Punjab in the Malwa region found uranium levels in groundwater exceeding the WHO threshold of 30 µg/L, posing serious risks of chronic organ damage and nephrotoxicity. The results showed that 66% of samples posed health risks for children and 44% for adults.

Heavy metals – lead, cadmium, chromium, mercury – enter groundwater from unchecked industrial discharges, causing developmental delays, anaemia, immune system issues, and neurological damage. The ICMR-National Institute for Research in Environmental Health (NIREH) found dangerously high blood lead levels among children near industrial clusters in Kanpur (Uttar Pradesh) and Vapi (Gujarat).

Contamination from leaking septic systems and sewage infiltration has triggered repeated outbreaks of cholera, dysentery, and hepatitis A and E. In Paikarapur, Bhubaneswar, over 500 residents were recently affected by a waterborne disease outbreak tied to sewage-contaminated groundwater.

Why the crisis persists

The crisis is rooted in a fragmented regulatory system. The Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, scarcely addresses groundwater. The CGWB lacks statutory authority, and State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) are under-resourced and technically constrained.

Industries operate with minimal oversight, and sanitation infrastructure, especially in rural and peri-urban India, remains deficient.

Key structural issues include:

Institutional fragmentation: agencies such as the CGWB, the CPCB, the SPCBs, and the Ministry of Jal Shakti operate in silos, often duplicating efforts and lacking coordination for integrated, science-based interventions.

Weak legal enforcement: While the Water Act exists, its enforcement – especially on groundwater discharge – is inadequate. Regulatory loopholes and lax compliance embolden polluters.

Lack of real-rime, publicly-accessible data: Monitoring is infrequent and poorly disseminated. Without early warning systems or integration with public health surveillance, contamination often goes undetected until after serious health outcomes emerge.

Over-extraction: Excessive pumping lowers water tables and concentrates pollutants, making aquifers more vulnerable to geogenic toxins and salinity intrusion.

India's groundwater crisis calls for a bold, coordinated, and multi-dimensional strategy that integrates regulation, technology, health, and public participation. Some key reforms that need to be instituted are a national groundwater pollution control framework, modern monitoring infrastructure, targeted remediation and health interventions, waste reforms and citizen-centric groundwater governance.

India's groundwater crisis is no longer about quantity – it is about safety and survival. Groundwater pollution is silent, invisible, and slow – but its damage is irreversible. Unless urgent, collective action is taken, we risk learning the value of clean water only when the well runs dry. And in doing so, we will pay the price not in rupees, but in lives and lost futures.

(Dr. Sudheer Kumar Shukla is an environmental scientist and sustainability expert. He currently serves as head-think tank at Mobius Foundation, New Delhi. sshukla@mobiusf.org)

THE GIST

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Understanding prophylaxis: the 'gold standard treatment' in haemophilia care

Tulika Seth

Haemophilia is an inherited, rare bleeding disorder in which the blood fails to clot due to a lack or deficiency of clotting factors, most often Factor VIII in Haemophilia A.

That means even small injuries can cause excessive bleeding. But more seriously, spontaneous internal bleeding can occur, usually in joints and muscles, which is excruciatingly painful and can cause chronic permanent disability. A bleed can happen even in the brain, without any trauma, which can be very dangerous and even life threatening.

Challenges in diagnosis

The difference between India's estimated and actual diagnosed cases points to a large number of undiagnosed haemophilia patients. In India, the expected number of haemophilia cases is around 1 to 1.5 lakh, based on a prevalence of 1 in 10,000. In a population of 1.4 billion however, we have identified only about 29,000 patients: just 20% of estimated cases.This is due to lack of awareness, limited diagnostic facilities, and socioeconomic barriers. It put patients at risk of bleeding after minor trauma or surgery, and makes them vulnerable to disabilities.

Alarmingly, each untreated bleed is estimated to reduce life expectancy by around 16 days. Imagine how debilitating this could be in patients who have chronic bleeds, and a high annual bleed rate.

Without early diagnosis, proactive care is a socioeconomic challenge leading to school absenteeism, unemployment, and loss of productivity. Over the past few years, the landscape of haemophilia care has experienced a seismic shift. What started as a reaction to treating a painful bleed has now moved to proactively preventing bleeds entirely, with regular replacement therapy of the deficient clotting factors (prophylaxis).

Today, care is moving towards more advanced approaches to rebalancing the body's clotting system, and eventually, to restoring it altogether. This change redefines what is possible with haemophilia treatment.

It takes us closer to a day when "zero bleeds" are not only a goal, they are an achievable reality, allowing individuals with haemophilia to live freely, lead more active lifestyles and overall, have better quality of lives.

Rare disorder: Haemophilia patients participating in an awareness march in New Delhi. FILE PHOTO

Prophylaxis or regular replacement plays a revolutionary role in the treatment of haemophilia, specifically in enhancing patient outcomes and quality of life. In contrast to on-demand therapy, which is used to treat bleeds after they have happened, and already caused damage to the joint or muscle etc., in prophylactic treatment the aim is to give treatment to prevent a bleed from even happening.

This strategy can use frequent clotting factor intravenous injections or the newer, non-factor products by a simpler injection in the skin (subcutaneous route injection). This is the only way to ensure good joint health and prevent deformity and disability.

Many advantages

Prophylaxis or regular replacement is regarded internationally as the gold standard treatment for haemophilia. This preventive method has numerous advantages over on-demand therapy.

It prevents joint damage. Recurrent unpredictable bleeds, particularly into joints, are a symptom of untreated or inadequately treated haemophilia. On-demand treatment permits bleeds to develop and gives treatment only afterwards, which makes it too late to avoid damage in many cases. With prophylaxis, clotting factor levels are continuously maintained, significantly reducing or even eliminating joint bleeds, thus maintaining long-term mobility and limiting disability.

The method enhances quality of life. Persons with haemophilia on regular replacement have fewer bleeds, less pain, and more independence in their daily activities. Children can go to school normally and engage in physical activities, whereas adults are able to keep up with work routines and social activities–something that is very difficult while under on-demand therapy as bleeding is unpredictable.

It also reduces burden on healthcare ecosystems. Prophylaxis reduces the number of spontaneous bleeds that need urgent care or hospitalisation. In the long term, this decreases healthcare demands both on patients and the system and reduces the overall cost of treatment when accounting for long-term complications.

Approximately 90% of persons with haemophilia are on prophylaxis in developed nations, resulting in near-normal life expectancy and uninterrupted day to day functioning. However, on-demand therapy is still primarily prevalent in India. However, some States have started regular replacement in children less than 10 years.

Ensuring awareness and wider access to prophylaxis through policy advocacy, and public education is critical to ending the crisis of under-diagnosis and avoiding preventable disabilities, while allowing haemophilia patients to live life free of fear and pain.

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Techie harassed by two men

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Whitefield police are on the lookout for two motorcycle-borne men who allegedly molested a 23-year-old software engineer while she was walking towards her paying guest accommodation on Tuesday night.

Based on the complaint by the friend of the victim, the Whitefield police have charged the accused under Section 74 (assault or use of criminal force to a woman with intent to outrage her modesty) under Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita, 2023.

The police are verifying footage from CCTV cameras in and around the area to identify the accused.

Constable suspended

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BENGALURU

Pursuing a house break-in theft in Indiranagar reported in June this year, the Indiranagar police arrested notorious gangster Bombay Saleem, after a hot pursuit in Pune, recently. He was brought to the city for further investigation and his mobile phone seized. While checking his mobile phone, police were shocked to find a photo of gangster Saleem in a police constable's uniform and questioned him.

Saleem confessed that he was arrested by Govindapura police about an year ago in a burglary case and was taken out of station with a police escort for a recovery. A police constable identified as H.R. Sonar had stayed with Saleem in a hotel and had gone out leaving his uniform behind. Saleem wore the uniform, made a video call to his wife before taking a selfie, it was revealed.

Taking strong objections to this, D. Devaraj, DCP (East Division) said that the police constable Sonar has been suspended for dereliction of duty pending enquiry.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Amount released by NEC for development projects in NE region

11.31 In ₹ crore. The North Eastern Council (NEC) said it has released over ₹11 crore during July this year for implementation of development projects across the northeastern region. Among the significant allocations, ₹2.09 crore was released for establishing kiwi orchards. PTI

The operating profit of the Kochi Metro for financial year 2024-25

33.34 In ₹ crore. The Kochi Metro Rail Ltd. announced an operating profit for the financial year 2024-25, marking its third consecutive year of posting a surplus. In a statement, it said the profit rose by ₹10.4 crore compared to the previous financial year. PTI

Number of persons rescued in disaster-hit Uttarkashi so far

274 Rescue operations gathered pace in the disaster-hit Dharali village in Uttarkashi as weather improved and more than 270 people stranded in different locations in the district were evacuated to safety with the help of the IAF's Chinook and Mi-17 helicopters. PTI

Constructions bulldozed by the U.P. govt. in two months

130 The Uttar Pradesh government on Thursday said it had demolished more than a hundred unauthorised constructions, sealed 198 and had served notices to 223 along the Indo-Nepal borders, as part of an ongoing crackdown on illegal encroachments. PTI

Books banned for 'secessionism' in Kashmir

25 Police raided bookshops in Srinagar after authorities issued an order targeting titles said to promote separatist ideologies. The banned list includes works by Arundhati Roy and A.G. Noorani. Critics called the move unconstitutional. AFP

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Is the Indian economy perfectly balanced?

When real wages stagnate against rising costs and growth disproportionately benefits a select few, and when the government operates under significant fiscal constraints, the promise of a 'just right' economy rings hollow for the common household

ECONOMIC NOTES

Deepanshu Mohan

A few weeks back, India's Finance Ministry declared the Indian economy to be in a "Goldilocks situation" – a rare alignment of moderate growth, subdued inflation and supportive monetary conditions. Analysts too, taking a narrow, quarterly view of the Indian economy conceded, marking this as a "mini-Goldilocks moment" for its macroeconomic position, spurred by 7.6% GDP growth, peaking interest rates and stable corporate earnings. A few other macroeconomic observers pointed out that India exiting FY2024 as a $3.6 trillion economy with an underlying growth of over 7.6% projects a buoyant macroeconomic backdrop for 2025.

Yet beneath the veneer and hyper-optimistic outlook lies a more complex reality for India's macroeconomic position. More astute observers of the Indian economy with historical data, question this so-called golden equilibrium which disguises underlying structural imbalances.

India's Goldilocks moment

While the number of billionaires in India has surged, real wages for many at the lower end of the income spectrum have remained the same. This persistent inequality can undermine social cohesion

Chart:1 All-India inflation rates: CPI (General) and CFPI (May 2024- May 2025)

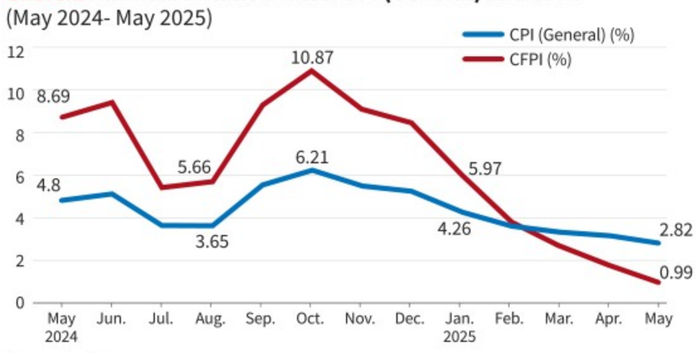

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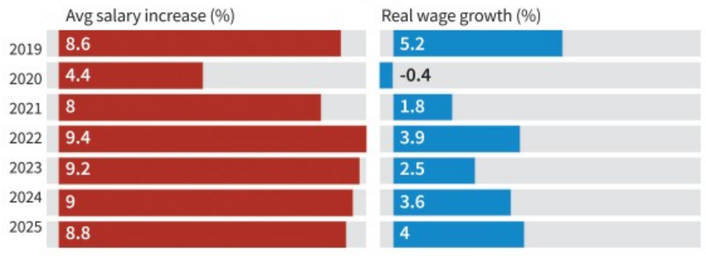
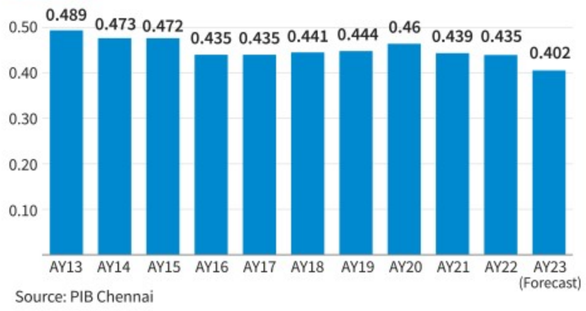
Chart 2: Salary increase vs real wage growth (2019-2025)



Sectors handing out lower hikes: IT product and services, manufacturing, engineering and consumer industries

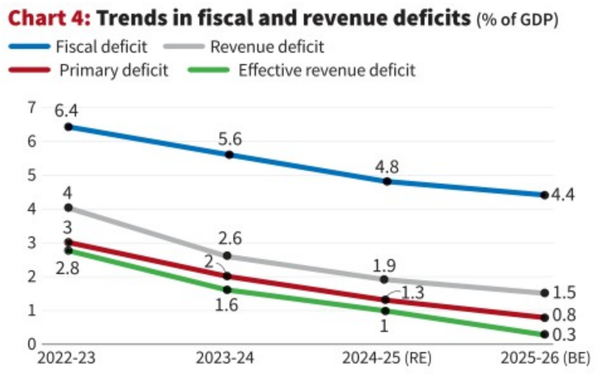
Source: 2025 projection is on the basis of MNC data collected by Deloitte in December 2024 for salary increases

Chart 3: Gini coefficient on taxable income (AY13-AY23F)



Source: PIB Chennai

Chart 4: Trends in fiscal and revenue deficits (% of GDP)



Source: Union Budget, PIB

Inflation and stagnant wage growth

A closer look at Chart 1 reveals a nuanced story behind headline price stability. While the Consumer Price Index (CPI) indeed showed a commendable deceleration, falling from 4.8% in May 2024 to 2.82% by May 2025, hinting at inflation within the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) comfort zone, the path to this point and the underlying dynamics, warrant significant scrutiny.

Throughout much of 2024, the Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI) consistently ran significantly higher than general inflation. For instance, in October 2024, when CPI (General) peaked at 6.21%, CFPI surged to an alarming 10.87%. Even in August 2024, with CPI at 3.65%, CFPI stood at 5.66%. This persistent divergence is critical because food accounts for nearly half of the consumption basket of an average Indian household, particularly within lower-income groups. High and volatile food inflation, driven by factors like unseasonal rains, supply chain disruptions and global commodity price fluctuations, severely erodes the purchasing power of the common citizen.

Economists like Dr. Pronab Sen have argued that policymakers such as the RBI should focus on core inflation rather than headline CPI inflation, because core inflation excludes volatile food and fuel prices and better reflects the sustained burden of price increases across essentials like housing, education, transport, and personal care.

For an average family, the meaning of 10% food inflation is a direct and painful cut in real income, forcing them to either compromise on dietary quality, incur debt or drastically reduce other essential expenditures. The eventual dip in CFPI to 0.99% by May 2025, while welcome, must be viewed in the context of the preceding periods of severe pressure. The volatility itself creates uncertainty and hinders household budgeting and savings, directly countering the stability implied by a "Goldilocks" environment.

This inflationary pressure on essentials directly impacts the everyday reality captured in Chart 2 which delivers one of the most compelling arguments against the "Goldilocks" perception. This data powerfully illustrates the chasm between nominal salary hikes and the actual improvement in purchasing power. For instance, in 2023, while the average salary increase was a respectable 9.2%, the real wage growth stood at a mere 2.5%. More critically, in 2020, real wage growth turned negative, registering -0.4%, even as nominal salaries saw a 4.4% rise. Even the 2025 projection of 4% real wage growth against an 8.8% average salary increase indicates that half of the nominal gain is still being eroded by inflation. This numerical gap translates into a tangible daily struggle. A 9% salary hike sounds promising, but if inflation is 7%, their actual ability to buy goods and services only increases by 2%.

This "silent squeeze" diminishes household savings, forces families to cut back on discretionary spending, and can lead to increased reliance on debt, particularly for those in sectors like IT product and services, manufacturing, engineering, and consumer industries, which usually hand out lower hikes.

Income inequality

The International Labour Organization (ILO) and various labour economists have consistently pointed out challenges vis-à-vis job quality and stagnant real wages in many emerging economies, including India. Without substantial and sustained growth in real wages, the consumption demand, which is a critical driver for the Indian economy, remains constrained, undermining the foundations of a truly buoyant and broad-based economic recovery.

This unevenness in economic gains also finds reflection in Chart 3, which offers a glimpse into income distribution. The Gini coefficient, a measure of inequality, shows fluctuations over the decade, starting at a high of 0.489 in AY13, dipping to 0.435 in AY16, and forecasted at 0.402 for AY23. While a declining Gini coefficient on taxable income might suggest some improvement, it is crucial to recognise the limitations.

Taxable income primarily captures the formal sector and those above a certain income threshold, potentially missing the vast informal sector and the broader distribution of wealth. A recent essay by ORF authors Garima Nain and Ria Kasliwal describe India's post-pandemic economy as a multi-speed or K-shaped recovery, where certain segments, particularly the affluent and those in specific industries, thrive, while others lag.

While the number of billionaires in India has surged, real wages for many at the lower end of the income spectrum have remained the same. This persistent inequality can undermine social cohesion, limit access to quality education and healthcare for a large segment of the population, and ultimately stifle long-term inclusive growth. When a significant portion of the population feels left behind, despite robust GDP numbers, the notion of a universally beneficial "Goldilocks" state becomes deeply questionable.

Adding to these domestic pressures, Chart 4 showcases the government's fiscal position and its trajectory. While there's a clear commitment to fiscal consolidation, with the fiscal deficit projected to decline from 6.4% in 2022-23 to 4.4% in 2025-26 (budget estimate), and the revenue deficit decreasing from 4% to 1.5% over the same period, the absolute levels of these deficits remain substantial.

The primary deficit, which indicates the current year's borrowing excluding interest payments on past debt, is also projected to fall from 3% to 0.8%. However, for a developing economy like India, sustained high deficits can pose several macroeconomic challenges. They necessitate significant government borrowing, which can potentially crowd out private investment by increasing demand for funds and putting upward pressure on interest rates. This could deter private businesses from investing and expanding, thus limiting job creation and overall economic growth.

Furthermore, a high public debt-to-GDP ratio (which stood at around 81% for the general government in 2022-23, significantly above the fiscal responsibility and budget management Act target of 60%) implies a substantial portion of future revenues will be diverted to servicing this debt. For the average citizen, this translates into reduced fiscal space for critical public spending on social sectors like education, healthcare, and infrastructure, or potentially higher taxes in the future to manage the debt burden.

Complicating the goldilocks narrative

Taken together, these critical indicators, volatile food inflation eroding purchasing power, persistent income disparities despite growth, stagnant real wages for the majority, and a tight fiscal space, paint a picture far more complex than the harmonious "Goldilocks" narrative suggests. The so-called macro sweet spot is not universally experienced, and therefore, its underlying fragilities are becoming increasingly apparent. The socio-economic realities on the ground, consistently analysed by a broad spectrum of economists, reveal that the journey towards inclusive and sustainable prosperity for all Indians remains an uphill climb.

Indeed, for those willing to look beyond the headlines and delve into the granular data, the myth of the macro sweet spot is cracking open.

The allure of a "Goldilocks" economy, while comforting, risks obscuring the lived realities of millions. True economic equilibrium transcends mere GDP numbers or headline inflation targets; it's fundamentally about how these aggregate statistics translate into tangible improvements in daily lives.

When real wages stagnate against rising costs, when growth disproportionately benefits a select few, and when the government operates under significant fiscal constraints, the promise of a "just right" economy rings hollow for the common household. India's true economic strength will not be defined by fleeting perceptions of balance, but by its capacity to foster genuinely inclusive growth, bolster real incomes, and build robust fiscal resilience for all its citizens. It is in addressing these profound challenges, rather than embracing a superficial sweet spot, that India's sustainable economic future lies.

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THE GIST

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Sharp hike in U.S. tariffs will hit exporters in State, especially MSMEs: FKCCI

'Tariff hikes push MSMEs to recalibrate and reduce dependency on a single market'

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

The Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FKCCI) on Thursday expressed serious concern over the decision by the U.S. to increase tariffs on certain imports from 25% to 50%.

"This sharp escalation in tariffs will significantly affect our exporters, particularly MSMEs, which form the backbone of India's industrial and manufacturing sectors," Uma Reddy, senior vice-president, FKCCI, told *The Hindu*. With tighter margins and less room to absorb cost shocks, MSMEs were especially vulnerable to such policy shifts, she said,

Uma Reddy

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adding, "the increased duties would make Indian goods less competitive in the U.S. market, potentially leading to a decline in export orders, disruptions in cash flow and a slowdown in production."

However, Ms. Reddy said that the FKCCI also would like to consider this as a turning point for the Indian industry. "Tariff hikes, while challenging, push our MSMEs to recalibrate and reduce dependency on a single market. We encourage our members to explore newer geographies, enhance product innovation, and invest in quality and compliance to meet diverse global standards," Ms. Reddy urged exporting MSMEs.

According to Ms. Reddy, this situation brought out by Mr. Trump was an opportunity for India to assert its position as a reliable, agile, and value-driven manufacturing hub.

"We are confident that the Centre will engage proactively and negotiate with the U.S. administration in the days to come, before the new tariffs are implemented. A strategic dialogue at the right time can help safeguard Indian business interests, particularly for MSMEs,'' Ms. Reddy said.

Ms. Reddy also urged the government to support the exporters community through policy intervention, export incentives and improved logistics, and financial access.

CM attacks Modi over Trump's tariff

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Launching a tirade against Prime Minister Narendra Modi over U.S. President Donald Trump imposing a 50% tariff on Indian exports, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Thursday termed the move as an "economic blackmail" which is the result of "Mr. Modi prioritising headline management over real diplomacy and national interest".

In a social media post on the eve of the visit of Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi to the State to lead the protest against "vote theft", Mr. Siddaramaiah said, "I fully agree with Mr. Rahul Gandhi. Be it GST, demonetisation, Chinese aggression, the 'Modani' nexus, or COVID-19 failures, farm laws, Rafale, PM CARES, and electoral bonds – Mr. Rahul Gandhi called them out early. The BJP mocked him. But he was proven right again and again. His warning on U.S. President Donald Trump's 50% tariff is no different." The Chief Minister argued that since 2019, Mr. Modi had "gone out of his way to please Mr. Trump", but Mr. Trump was not impressed.

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> **SIDDARAMAIAH**
> Chief Minister

"He saw it not as diplomacy – but surrender," Mr. Siddaramaiah maintained.

Substantiating his allegations, Mr. Siddaramaiah said, "Then, Mr. Trump did exactly what a true friend wouldn't: He claimed 33 times (and counting) that he brokered peace between India and Pakistan. He hosted Pakistan's Army Chief – the man whose hate speeches led to the Pahalgam terror attack. He backed Israel's brutal assault on Gaza – and Mr. Modi stayed silent, just to remain in Washington's good books."

When all these things happened, there was no protest or attempt to push back or efforts to protect dignity, the Chief Minister alleged.

"Now, Mr. Trump hits India with unfair tariffs. Worse, he's coercing us to cut ties with Russia – a direct attack on our sovereignty. No foreign power can dictate our trade choices. This is the cost of running foreign policy like a personal PR campaign," the Chief Minister maintained.

Stating that the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi had stood firm against American pressure in the 1970s, Mr. Siddaramaiah demanded that instead of attacking her legacy, Mr. Modi should learn from it.

"India must uphold its strategic autonomy with dignity – not surrender it for photo-ops," said Mr. Siddaramaiah.

BJP gears up to host Modi on August 10

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) State unit is gearing up to host Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit to Bengaluru on August 10, when he will inaugurate Yellow Line of Namma Metro and the Vande Bharat Express.

BJP State unit president B.Y. Vijayendra said thousands of party workers will be mobilised to give the Prime Minister a grand welcome across the city.

He said the Prime Minister will first land at the military ground in a helicopter near Mekhri Circle and proceed via road through Mekhri and Chalukya Circles to the Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station in Majestic where he will flag off the Vande Bharat Express between Bengaluru and Belagavi. He will then reach Ragigudda, followed by a programme at the Electronic City Metro Station."

Traffic disruption expected in CBD today over Rahul Gandhi rally

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Traffic in the Central Business District (CBD) of Bengaluru is expected to be thrown out of gear on Friday, as Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi will lead a protest rally against alleged vote theft during the 2024 parliamentary polls, at Freedom Park, and is expected to lead a march to the office of Chief Electoral Officer to submit a memorandum.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, and several Ministers will participate. Traffic movement on the roads passing through Shantala junction,

Posters and banners put up in and around Freedom Park ahead of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's protest rally, in Bengaluru on Thursday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Khodeys junction, Anand Rao Circle, Sheshadri road, Mysore Bank Circle, Chalukya Circle, Kalidasa Road, and Mourya Junction has been restricted, and the vehicles will be diverted to adjacent roads.

Motorists have been advised to avoid these stretches between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Friday and use alternate routes wherever possible. The rally at Freedom Park will likely have a snowball effect and disrupt traffic beyond CBD as well. Parking of all types of vehicles is prohibited on Old Airport Road, M.G. Road, and Cubbon Road between 10.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. and again between 3.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m.

Security arrangements

City Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh said, "Elaborate security arrangements have been made to ensure law and order and security of the VVIPs, keeping in mind that it should not affect the traffic and members of the general public.

Book release today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Rabindranath Tagore - India's Schoolmaster, a book written by J.M. Kumarappa, with a foreword by noted scholar G.N. Devy will be released on Friday, August 8, 2025.

The book, a reprint of Kumarappa's 1928 doctoral thesis from Columbia University, will be released by Chiranjiv Singh, a retired IAS officer. The book offers rare insights into Tagore's educational philosophy, especially his vision for the Indianisation of education–an idea that resonates deeply in today's context. The event organised by Earthworm Books, an imprint of Earthworm Communications, will be held at Bangalore International Centre 4th Main Road, Domlur II Stage, at 6 p.m.

Tigress found dead in Lakkavalli Range

The Hindu Bureau
SHIVAMOGGA

A tigress was found dead in the Lakkavalli Range of the Bhadra Wildlife Division in Chikkamagaluru district on Thursday.

The wild animal, aged about seven, is said to have died due to injuries it suffered in a fight with another tiger.

Senior officials visited the spot after the staff noticed the carcass of the tigress.

A veterinarian from N.R. Pura conducted the post-mortem and collected samples from the body for further examination. The carcass was examined with metal detectors to check if it suffered bullet injuries.

The carcass was burnt as per set guidelines in the presence of Assistant Conservator of Forest Santosh Sagar, wildlife activists G. Veeresh and Madhu Mugathihalli, and representatives of local panchayat.

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HAL inducts 59 EVs under its Go Green initiative

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The Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has inducted 59 electric vehicles (EVs) under its Go Green initiative. The newly inducted EVs supplied by Convergence Energy Service Limited will be deployed across various divisions in Bengaluru, Nashik, Koraput, and Lucknow, as part of its commitment to sustainability. On Thursday D.K. Sunil, Chairman and Managing Director, HAL, launched its fleet of EVs at its corporate headquarters in Bengaluru.

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Sl.#	Item of work	Approx. Value
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Stadium stampede: Govt. submits inquiry report to HC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government on Thursday submitted to the High Court of Karnataka the copies of the John Michael Cunha Commission of Inquiry report on the stampede that occurred outside M. Chinnaswamy Stadium here on June 4.

Adjourned

A Division Bench comprising Justice Jayant Banerji and Justice Umesh M. Adiga, which briefly perused the report, adjourned further hearing till August 11.

DNA's petition

The Bench, on August 5, directed the government to submit the report while hearing a petition filed by M/s DNA Entertainment Networks Pvt. Ltd., the event management partner of Royal Challengers Sports Pvt. Ltd., which owns the Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) cricket team.

The court had directed the production of the commission's report in a sealed cover to ascertain the allegations made in the DNA's petition

Violation

DNA had filed the petition complaining that the commission violated the provisions of the Commissions of Inquiry Act (CoI Act), 1952, in conducting the proceedings, as no opportunity to cross-examine the witnesses was given to DNA. It has also been alleged in the petition that it the commission had failed to give a personal hearing as per the provisions of the CoI Act before making any adverse remarks that could prejudicially affect the reputation of any person, despite the representative of the DNA having made a request in this regard.

The court had directed the production of the commission's report in a sealed cover to ascertain the allegations made in the DNA's petition.

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This notice is issued on behalf of My client **Mr.Usman Khan.Z S/o Mr.Zameer Khan** to bring the notice of the general public that the following sale deeds as **1.** Original registered absolute sale deed doc.No.8404 of Book-I, Volum-2103, Pages-98 to 100, date.01.22.1961, executed by **Sri.Abdul Gaffoor s/o Late Abdul Rahiman** in favour of **Sri.Syed Basheer Saheb.** & **2.** Original registered GPA doc.No.515/1995-96 of Book-IV, Volum-194, Pages-80-85, date.15.05.1995 executed by **Sri.Syed Basheer Saheb** in favour of **Mr.Syed Rahamathulla.** & **3.** Notarized Affidavit dated.15.05.1995 sworn by **Sri.Syed Basheer Saheb,** are missing / lost / misplaced in respect of schedule property.

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How social media campaigns shaped the 2024 Lok Sabha elections

LOKNITI-CSDS SURVEY

An analysis of the advertisements posted by 31 third-party campaigners revealed a wide variation in spending, ranging from under ₹5,000 to over ₹1,00,000 per ad

Table 1: Focus of the campaign songs

Party	Tone(%) +	Tone(%) -	Tone(%) Neutral	Main focus	Catchy phrases used
BJP	92	1	7	■ Praising Modi ■ Developmental works carried out by the NDA government ■ Visuals of Modi with global leaders ■ Leadership qualities of Modi, Amit Shah and Yogi Adityanath in both national and global sphere ■ Winning the 2024 elections	■ *Modi hai to mumkin hai* ■ *Modi ki guarantee* ■ *Ab aaya hai Ram Raj*
Cong.	67	14	19	■ Historical legacy of Congress ■ Visuals and lyrics glorifying Indira Gandhi, Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru, Rajiv Gandhi, and Sonia Gandhi ■ Visuals of Rahul Gandhi especially from Bharat Jodo Yatra ■ Visuals highlighting the sensitive, humble, and understanding nature of Rahul Gandhi ■ Rahul Gandhi is shown as a protector of democracy	■ *Indira-Rajiv ne desh ke khatir jaan gawayi* ■ *Nehru si soch hai* ■ *Desh ki dhadkan Rahul, har behen ka bhai Rahul, Bharat ki takdeer Rahul* ■ *Rahul Gandhi hu mai, neta nahi desh ka beta ban k aunga*

Table 2: Representation in visuals and lyrics

Target Group	Visual representation BJP	Visual representation INC	Representation in lyrics BJP	Representation in lyrics INC
Women	15	16	20	12
Youth	11	14	8	17
Hindus	7	1	28	3
Muslims	2	2	1	3
Elderly	10	8	2	2
Farmers	9	6	14	13
Poor	3	2	NIL	
Rural	9	11	NIL	
Urban	9	14	NIL	
Students	7	10	NIL	2
Others	18	16	27	48

Note: NIL represents the fact that references to these demographics were absent. All figures are in per cent.

Table 3: Themes addressed in campaign songs

Theme	Representation in campaign songs (%) BJP	Representation in campaign songs (%) INC
Leadership/persona	44	18
Accomplishments	35	2
Social justice/ equality	2	6
Policy proposals/ vision	2	19
Attack against the opposition	1	22
Need for change/ reform	1	17
Other	15	16

Table 4: Display of religious connotations

Religious Connotations (%)	Yes	No
BJP	72	28
INC	10	90

Table 5: Religious motifs

Religious motifs	Representation in videos (%) BJP	Representation in videos (%) INC
Temples/religious buildings	37	43
Slogans/chants	15	<0
Priests/religious clerics	11	29
Other	37	28

Note: All figures are rounded off.

Table 6: List of third-party campaigners and the corresponding number of advertisements posted as well as money spent

Name	Number of ads	Money spent (in million/₹)	Funder(s)*
Ama Chinha Sankha Chinha	1,800	73	Ama Chinha Sankha Chinha
Ellorum Nammudam	859	22	Populus Empowerment Network Private Limited/ Ellorum Nammudan/ DMK/ J Arunkumar
Phir Ek Baar Modi Sarkar	1,173	16	Phir Ek Baar Modi Sarkar/ phirekbaarmodisarkar.com
Mahathugbandhan	608	10	Mahathugbandhan
(Our Modi)	1,966	10	manamodi.com
Modi Sang Bihar	1,379	8	http://modisangnitish.com/ Modi Sang Bihar / 2020 Modi Sang Nitish
Meme Hub	256	8	Memes Xpress
Kharge Fan Club	793	7	Kharge Fan Club/ INC
Tamilakam	463	7	Tamilakam - Ulta Chashmaa
Political X-Ray	361	6	Ulta Chashmaa/ Political X Ray
Ketedina Sahibaa?	1,390	6	Ketedina Sahibaa?
Stalinin Kural	166	6	Populus Empowerment Network Private Limited
Amaar Sonar Bangla	147	5	Ulta Chashmaa
Hirak Rani Bye Bye	2,247	5	Hirak Rani Bye Stalinian
Subarna Odisha	387	5	Subarna Odisha
Sidha Chashma	110	4	Sidha Chashma
Questioning Telangana	1,091	4	PrashnisthunnaTelangana.com
Mudde ki Baat	244	4	Mudde Ki Baat
Punithare Modi	1,483	3	Punithare Modi
Trinamoole Nabo Jowar	91	3	Trinamoole Nabo Jowar
CM Ramesh	244	2	Aadhan Media Pvt Ltd/ Vyuhah Consulting
Jagananna Suraksha	95	2	Jagane Kavali
Malabar Central	114	2	Malabar Central/ Ulta Chashmaa
Memu Siddham Maa Booth Siddham	27	1	Jaganna Tho Siddham
Jagane Kavali	80	1	Jagane Kavali
Maaveeran Modi	259	1	Maaveeran Modi
Jagananna Kosam Siddham	27	1	Jagananna Tho Siddham
MemeXpress	80	1	Ulta Chashmaa/ Memes Xpress
Memantha Siddham	24	1	Jaganannatho Sidddham
Jagananna ki Thoduga	39	1	Jagan Anna Ki Thodunga
Mansoor Khan Fan Club	163	1	Mansoor Khan Fan Club

Source: Meta Ad Library

Source: Meta Ad library. Note: The data of money spent pertains to a 90-day period ending on June 29, 2024. This timeline was selected as it is one of the default options available on the Library. The amount spent is rounded off.

** Entities/individuals funding the third-party campaigners.*

Table 7: Amount of money spent on ads by third-party campaigners

Range of money spent (in ₹)	%
0-5,000	45
5,001-10,000	7
10,001-50,000	20
50,001-1,00,000	13
Above 1,00,000	15

Table 8: Impressions on ads posted by third-party campaigners

Range of impressions	%
0-1,00,000	27
1,00,001-5,00,000	26
5,00,001-1M	9
Above 1M	38

Table 9: Relationship between tone and impressions of third-party ads

Tone	Impressions 0-1,00,000	Impressions 1,00,001-5,00,000	Impressions 5,00,001-1M	Impressions Above 1M
Negative (total 64%)	23	24	7	46
Positive (total 33)	35	27	12	26
Neutral (Ttotal 3%)	23	49	11	17

Note: All figures are in per cent.

Table 11: Content posted by *SSMIs and **CSMI's

CSMI	(%)	SSMI	(%)
Leaders	52	Leaders	47
Elections	26	INDI Alliance	42
Controversies	23	Hindu/Muslim	17
Institutions	17	Controversies	17
INDI Alliance	10	Elections	16

*Note: All figures are in per cent. Percentages may exceed 100 as the data is based on a multi-response question. *Supportive social media influencer **Critical social media influencer*

Table 10: Sample of social media influencers, followers, and orientation of content

Followers	Social media influencer	Orientation of political content
50,000-99,999	Arpit Speaks	Critical
	Meghnad	Critical
1,00,000-4,99,999	Sunanda Vashisht	Supportive
	Ajeet Bharti	Supportive
	Harsh Madhusudan	Supportive
	The Carvaka Podcast	Supportive
	Abhijit Iyer Mitra	Supportive
	Faye D'Souza	Critical
	Sohit Mishra	Critical
	The Ranting Gola	Critical
	Dr Medusa	Critical
5,00,000-9,99,999	Elvish Yadav	Supportive
	Shefali Vaidya	Supportive
	Sai Deepak	Supportive
	Abhijit Majumdar	Supportive
	Abhijit Chavda	Supportive
1M -2M	The Sham Sharma Show	Supportive
	AKTK	Supportive
	Anand Ranganathan	Supportive
	Satya Sanatan	Supportive
	Being Honest	Critical
	Unfiltered by Samdish	Critical
	Sakshi Joshi	Critical
	Official Peeing Human	Critical
>2M	RJ Raunac	Supportive
	Dhruv Rathee	Critical
	The Deshbhakt	Critical
	Ravish Kumar	Critical
	Mohak Mangal	Critical
	Kunal Kamra	Critical

Lokniti-CSDS team*

The recently released report by Lokniti-CSDS provides a data-driven analysis of digital platforms' role in 2024 elections, showing how they complemented traditional door-to-door efforts in mobilising voters. This is Part 2 of the study.

Campaign songs are increasingly vital tools for political communication, offering a catchy and accessible medium to amplify candidates' messages and mobilise voters. This study analysed 150 YouTube campaign songs – 80 supporting the Congress and 70 the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) – uploaded between January 1 and April 10, 2024. These two parties were selected due to their nationwide presence and high digital output. Songs were chosen through stratified sampling from a master list created via keyword-based YouTube searches. Sampling was done from different sources: official party channels, candidates' channels, and independent supporter channels, with attention to diversity in engagement levels and channel size. Songs were manually coded using a structured codebook covering themes, tone, references, mobilisation cues, and production styles. Most songs were sourced from independent channels (89% for INC, 81% for BJP), with fewer uploads from official party or candidate accounts. This methodology allowed the study to analyse both official messaging and grassroots, decentralised narratives, including more fringe or extreme perspectives, especially with respect to content from the BJP's supporter base.

BJP songs centred on Prime Minister Modi, projecting trust and continuity. Religious references ("Ram," "temple," "saffron") underscored Hindutva appeals, particularly around the Ram Temple. Nationalist themes were prominent, with terms such as "Bharat Mata," "Kashmir," and "enemy" being commonly used. Economic themes appeared via words like "guarantee," "farmer," and "poor," while "victory" and "wave" conveyed momentum and confidence. The Congress's songs highlighted leadership through frequent mentions of "Gandhi," "Rahul," and "Priyanka." Core themes included justice, rights, and systemic change, signalling a focus on equity. Words like "hope" and "save country" framed the campaign as reformist.

Catch-phrases and narratives

A lyrical and word cloud analysis reveals distinct strategies by the BJP and Congress. BJP songs focused on Mr. Modi, with slogans like "*Modi hai to mumkin hai*", "*Modi ki guarantee*", and "*Aayega to Modi hi*" linking him to progress and stability. Direct attacks on opponents were rare (Table 1). Congress songs highlighted Rahul Gandhi and the party's legacy with phrases like "*Desh ki dhadkan Rahul*" and "*Nehru si soch hai*", portraying him as a modern visionary. Emotional appeals referencing sacrifice, such as "*Indira-Rajiv ne jaan gawayi*", sought to inspire loyalty and continuity. Unlike BJP, Congress songs contained direct criticism, with lines like *"Loktantra ka bhediya*" and "*Jhutho se desh bachana hai*", framing the ruling party as a threat to democracy. Both the BJP and the Congress employed campaign songs to engage key voter groups, emphasising distinct priorities. BJP's lyrics highlighted Hindu identity, women, and farmers, whereas Congress focused more on youth, women, and minority inclusion. Visual content reinforced these themes, with Congress giving greater prominence to urban, rural, and student populations (Table 2). Moreover, BJP songs heavily highlighted past achievements (35%), showcasing governance successes, while the Congress focused on future promises and reforms (Table 3). Calls for change (17%) and themes of social justice (6%) appeared more prominently in Congress's messaging, aligning with its opposition role. Congress also directly critiqued the ruling party in 22% of its songs; BJP rarely engaged in this (1%).

Religious connotations were prominent in BJP's songs (72%), reflecting Hindu nationalist themes and featuring symbolic references to Ram Mandir and slogans such as "Jai Shree Ram." Unofficial songs were more overtly communal. In contrast, only 10% of Congress songs contained religious themes, reflecting a more pluralistic communication style (Table 4). While BJP's religious messaging was largely rhetorical, the Congress leaned more on visual representation. Religious imagery appeared in 43% of the Congress's videos compared to 37% of the BJP's. The Congress also featured religious clerics more prominently (29% versus BJP's 11%), signalling efforts to engage multiple faith communities (Table 5).

On third-party campaigners

Third-party campaigners, including individuals, political consultancies, and advocacy groups, have gained significant influence in the digital age, shaping electoral dynamics through targeted advertisements on platforms like Meta (formerly Facebook). These entities, which do not field candidates, often campaign for or against specific parties, candidates, or issues. In India, third-party campaigners invest heavily in digital ads, sometimes bypassing political finance and content regulations. This unregulated spending raises concerns about transparency and accountability, suggesting potential collusion with political parties. Their growing role underscores the need for stronger oversight in modern electoral campaigns.

The Lokniti-CSDS study focuses on digital campaigning by third-party advertisers on Meta (formerly Facebook) during the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. Conducted over the critical months of April and May 2024, the study also focused on identifying the top 50 highest spenders on Meta, with 31 of them being third-party advertisers. This analysis delves into the role of these entities in shaping electoral narratives through digital ads, shedding light on their influence and spending patterns. The advertising expenditure of these third-party campaigners ranged from ₹0.6 million to ₹73 million during the study period. The analysis covers 1,114 randomly selected ads from 31 campaigners to assess their digital strategies, independent of any party or candidate endorsements.

Third-party campaigners on Meta used catchy and provocative names to attract attention, such as "*Mahathugbandhan*," which critiques the INDI Alliance, and "*Hirak Rani Bye Bye*," which portrayed Mamata Banerjee as a dictator, inspired by the film *Hirak Rajar Deshe*. These creative names were part of a broader strategy to influence public perception. The Meta Ad Library reveals the financial backers behind these campaigns, which includes entities like the Populus Empowerment Network and Vyuhah Consulting. Some political parties, like the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) and the Congress, have been found funding third-party advertisers, raising concerns about transparency and the potential for circumventing expenditure limits. The lack of detailed funding information in the Meta Ad Library complicates accountability, creating avenues for unregulated influence in the electoral process (Table 6).

An analysis of the ads posted by the 31 third-party campaigners revealed a wide variation in spending, ranging from under ₹5,000 to over ₹1,00,000 per ad. The majority (72%) of the ads had expenditures capped at ₹50,000, while 28% exceeded this amount (Table 7). In terms of engagement, impressions reflecting how often an ad appeared on a screen served as a key metric. Interestingly, 53% of ads received up to 5,00,000 impressions, while the remaining 47% surpassed 5,00,000 impressions. This highlights the significant reach and potential impact of these third-party campaign ads (Table 8).

Thematic analysis of third-party campaign advertisements reveals a wide range of strategies, with key themes emerging across content. A major focus was criticism aimed at opposition parties, their leaders, and their supporters. Religious themes were also prominent, with ads either accusing parties of being anti-Hindu or praising them for supporting Sanatan Dharma. The most concerning ads included misinformation and Islamophobic content, using derogatory language and divisive tactics to sway voter sentiment. This analysis reveals a clear trend – majority of third-party ads carried a negative tone, with these ads typically having higher spending compared to positive or neutral ones. In fact, 46% of the negative tone ads achieved impressions exceeding one million, compared to just 26% for positive ads, demonstrating that negative content has a far greater reach and impact (Table 9). Furthermore, negative advertisements were particularly effective among younger audiences, with 83% of these ads being consumed by individuals aged 18-34.

Third-party advertisements, often marked by negative tones and problematic content, have raised serious concerns. These ads frequently used inflammatory captions such as "Bengali Muslims, will they make Bengal Bangladesh?" and derogatory terms like "*Babur ki Santaan*" directed at Muslims. Political leaders were also targets of such ads, with Rahul Gandhi being called "*Makkar*" and Mamata Banerjee depicted as hiding behind terrorist groups like ISIS. Misinformation was rampant, and some ads even alleged external interference in Indian elections by figures like George Soros. This highlights the urgent need for stricter regulation of third-party advertisers, focusing not just on content but also on the sources of their funding and affiliations with political parties. Such measures are necessary to ensure transparency, fairness, and to protect the integrity of the democratic process.

On social media influencers

Social media has become a powerful platform for political expression, with individuals sharing views on key issues and events. Social Media Influencers (SMIs) have emerged as key figures in this landscape. These individuals, with large followings, can shape public opinion by sharing content that resonates with their audience. Unlike traditional media, SMIs maintain independence, enhancing their credibility. This study analysed 30 SMIs active between January and June 2024, and divided them into two groups – Critical Social Media Influencers (CSMIs), who critique the government, and Supportive Social Media Influencers (SSMIs), who endorse the government. The selected SMIs were categorised based on their follower count: two influencers had 50,000-99,999 followers, nine had between 1,00,000-4,99,999 followers, and five had 5,00,000-9,99,999 followers. The sample also included eight influencers with 1-2 million followers, and six influencers with over 2 million followers (Table 10).

During the analysis period, 83% of CSMIs and 81% of SSMIs posted more than 10 political posts per month. Among CSMIs, 3% of content was paid for, compared to 4% among SSMIs. This indicates that the vast majority of political content produced by both groups was organic rather than financially supported. The political content shared by SMIs covered a range of topics. CSMIs primarily focused on political leaders (52%), followed by 26% discussing elections, and 23% on ongoing controversies. SSMIs concentrated on political leaders (47%) and the INDI alliance (42%) (Table 11).

The 2024 Lok Sabha elections underscored a significant evolution in India's digital campaigning, bringing both sophistication and new challenges to electoral transparency. The growing complexity of digital campaigning, encompassing scaled personalisation, cross-platform messaging, and third-party influence has exposed systemic gaps in current regulations. Without urgent reforms to address real-time transparency, platform accountability, and the evolving role of third-party actors, the integrity of India's electoral system could be compromised. It is essential to implement measures that address the challenges posed by a digitalised electoral environment.

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'Conduct monthly grievance redressal meetings in villages abutting forests'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Officers holding the ranks of Deputy Conservator of Forests, Assistant Conservator of Forests and Range Forest Officers should hold meetings, says Eshwar Khandre

Environment Minister Eshwar Khandre has directed forest officials to visit villages located in the periphery of forests and to conduct grievance redressal meetings once a month.

Chairing the Standing Committee meeting of the State Wildlife Board, Mr. Khandre said that officers holding the ranks of Deputy Conservator of Forests, Assistant Conservator of Forests and Range Forest Officers should hold meetings once a month, listen to the grievances of villagers and take steps to resolve them.

He said that forest officers and staff should go to the villages where loss of life and crop damage have been reported owing to man-animal conflict.

The Minister said that the officials should take stock of the situation, listen to the problems of the villagers, resolve them and maintain good relations with them.

Death of tigers

He also mentioned the death of five tigers in M.M. Hills and the death of wild elephants after coming in contact with illegally erected electric fences.

He said that such incidents can be prevented if senior officials visit each forest zone and review the performance of the zonal officers and forest patrol personnel, and motivate them.

The Minister also reviewed the proposal for doubling the railway track from Hosapete to Castle Rock and discussed the measures to be taken to mitigate the impacts of the project on biodiversity, environment and wildlife, and directed to present the proposal in the next meeting.

Marine sanctuary

Mr. Khandre also said that the Mugli-Apsarakonda Marine Sanctuary, which will be the State's first marine sanctuary, will be formally inaugurated in September.

A proposal was cleared by the State Cabinet in June.

The sanctuary is spread over 5,959 hectares, near Honnavar in Uttara Kannada district.

The proposal was approved by the Karnataka State Board for Wildlife a few years ago.

Cabinet clears Karnataka Devadasi Bill for rehabilitation, 17 others

'Bill provides the option for children of a Devadasi not to be compelled to declare the name of their father while applying for govt. ID cards,'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State Cabinet on Thursday approved 18 Bills, including the Karnataka Devadasi (Prevention, Prohibition, Relief and Rehabilitation) Bill, 2025, and Greater Bengaluru (Amendment) Bill, 2025.

The Bill envisages strengthening the fight against the century-old Devadasi system and seeks to replace the older Karnataka Devadasi (Prohibition and Dedication) Act, 1982.

Terming it as a welfare Bill, Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs, H.K. Patil, said it would ensure that the children of Devadasis are treated with respect.

The proposed legislation also provides the option for children of a Devadasi not to be compelled to declare the name of their father while applying for government identity cards such as passport, PAN, Aadhaar, and driving licence.

The proposed Bill runs into 20 pages and includes provisions for recognising the right of Devadasi children to identify their father, potentially through DNA testing, and removing the requirement of a father's name on official documents.

It would liberate the oppressed Devadasis from all sorts of exploitation, Mr. Patil said.

The Bill is intended to be a more comprehensive approach for addressing the Devadasi system, moving beyond the previous focus on prohibition to include relief and rehabilitation measures, Mr. Patil said.

Devadasis and their children have long been seeking comprehensive legislation that could end the evil system and provide proper relief and rehabilitation.

A file photo of members of Vimukta Devadasi Mahila Mattu Makkala Vedike during a press meet in Bengaluru on July 24.

Some of the Bills that were approved by the Cabinet

- Karnataka Town and Country Planning and Certain Other Law (Amendment) Bill – For appointment of a Commissioner
- The Karnataka Ground Water (Regulation for Protection of Sources of Drinking Water) Amendment) Bill – For adopting the Central Government guidelines
- Karnataka Ports (Landing and Shipping Fees) (Amendment) Bill – For revising the fees once in three years
- Karnataka Land Reforms And Certain Other Law (Amendment) Bill – For amending certain sections of Land Revenue and Land Reforms Acts
- Karnataka Essential Services Maintenance (Amendment) Bill – To substitute the words the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhitha, 2023 (Central Act 2023)
- Karnataka Cooperative Bill – For incorporating suggestions given by the Governor
- The Greater Bengaluru (Amendment) Bill – For preparing the electoral roll in each city corporations.

Electoral roll to be used for caste census

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Cabinet approves a method of using electoral rolls in the State for conducting the survey using digital technology

The State government has decided to utilise the electoral roll in the State for conducting the social and educational survey (caste census) for 15 days from September 22.

The Karnataka State Backward Classes Commission has sought the government's permission for the procedure to be followed for conducting the survey.

The Karnataka Cabinet on Thursday approved a method of using electoral rolls in the State for conducting the survey using digital technology.

Speaking at a press conference after the Cabinet meeting, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H.K. Patil said that the survey would be conducted in digital format.

The development and supervision of the software for the digital survey would be undertaken by the e-Governance Department.

He said that the publicly available electoral roll was used by the H.N. Nagamohan Das Commission for internal reservation for 101 Scheduled Castes in the State for every person aged above six.

Similarly, the Backward Classes Commission would adopt the H.N. Nagamohan Das Commission's model and conduct the survey, Mr. Patil said.

Mr. Patil said the Cabinet has decided to do away with the mandatory 50% quota for students of the community in the non-Muslim Minority educational institutions.

No more 50% quota

The colleges and technical educational institutions run by non-Muslim Minority managements would not require to enrol 50% of students from their own community to obtain Minority status.

This move was intended to support communities such as Christians, Jains, Sikhs, and Parsis, who were struggling to meet the 50% threshold due to their relatively small population in the State.

Funds

Among others, the Cabinet has approved ₹171.91 crore under the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development's (NABARD) Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) for 13 cold storages of the Agriculture Department.

It also approved the Karnataka Employees' State Insurance Society as per Employees' State Insurance Corporation guidelines.

Special Cabinet meeting to discuss panel report on internal quota

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Cabinet on Thursday received the H.N. Nagamohan Das Commission's report on internal reservation for 101 Scheduled Castes in the State, and decided to discuss the report in a special Cabinet meeting scheduled for August 16. Copies of the report were given to Ministers to study before a detailed discussion is held, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H. K. Patil told the reporters.

The commission considered social and educational backwardness, along with adequate representation in public employment, before arriving at a matrix for quotas within the 17% reservation for SCs in public education and employment.

The report is believed to have recommended 6% reservation for the Dalit Left, 5% for the Dalit Right, 1% to more than 40 nomadic tribes classified as micro communities, and 1% for Adi Karnataka, Adi Dravida and Adi Andhra communities.

According to sources, the report has recommended 4% quota for Lambanis, Koramas, Korachas, and Bhovis (touchable communities).

Long-standing critical vacancies in govt. hospitals filled through online counselling, says Minister

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

> Critical vacancies such as gynaecologists, anesthesiologists and paediatricians — an essential triad for comprehensive maternal health services — have now been filled in a majority of locations
>
> **DINESH GUNDU RAO**
> Health Minister

The recent transfer process through a technology-enabled online counselling system in the State Health Department has played a significant role in addressing the issue of long-standing critical vacancies across various public healthcare facilities, particularly in the area of maternal care, said Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao.

Giving details about the transfer of a total of 5,676 officers and health personnel across the State, carried out under the Karnataka State Civil Services (Regulation of Transfer of Medical Officers and Other Staff) (Amendment) Rules, 2025, Mr. Rao told pressmen that critical positions have been filled in many hospitals, especially in rural areas.

"Critical vacancies such as gynaecologists, anesthesiologists and paediatricians – an essential triad for comprehensive maternal health services – have now been filled in a majority of locations. These locations include Community Health Centres in places where the posts were vacant for the last five to seven years," the Minister said, asserting that the plan is to double this triad in all taluk hospitals in future for further strengthening maternal care.

The annual transfer process in the department has been completed in a record time, commencing on June 19 and concluding by July 3. The technology-enabled online counselling system ensured greater efficiency, speed and reduced human interference, the Minister said.

Grievance redressal

Besides, a dedicated WhatsApp-based grievance redressal mechanism was introduced, allowing staff to promptly report and resolve any technical or procedural issues. In addition, a new appeal provision in the Transfer Rules, 2025, was introduced to ensure transparency, fairness and timely redressal of grievances. Under this system, appeals were received and disposed of during counselling itself, enabling employees to secure fair opportunities without waiting until the end of the process, he explained

Bus strike: High Court disposes of PIL plea

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bench said it wouldn't interfere in conciliation process among the representatives of the unions, the State govt., and labour officers

Taking note that the Joint Action Committee (JAC) of various trade unions of the State public transport corporations had withdrawn its indefinite strike, the High Court of Karnataka on Thursday disposed of a PIL petition, acting on which the court had directed the JAC to hold back the strike till August 7.

As the advocate representing the trade unions on Thursday submitted a copy of the resolution passed by the trade unions withdrawing the strike citing the court's interim directions, a Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice C.M. Joshi closed the proceedings on the petition.

When advocate for the petitioners sought continuation of the proceedings on the petition to monitor the conciliation process under way among the representatives of the unions, the State government, and the labour officers on the demands of the transport employees, the Bench said that it would not interfere in the conciliation process as it was a PIL petition.

Notices to over 17,000 RTC staff

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) has served show-cause notices to around 8,000 of its employees for participating in the August 5 strike, which was called in defiance of the Essential Services Maintenance Act (ESMA), 1981.

Across the four State-run transport corporations a total of nearly 17,000 notices were issued on August 6, a day after the strike, officials confirmed.

The strike was part of a State-wide agitation led by the Joint Action Committee of Road Transport Corporation (RTC) employees.

Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy said that the one-day strike had resulted in an estimated loss of nearly ₹20 crore for the transport corporations in the State.

VISAKHAPATNAM METROPOLITAN REGION DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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IN THE CITY CIVIL XVII ADDL SESSION JUDGE COURT AT BENGALURU (CCH-16)
O.S. No. 3104/2006

Plaintiff: Sri. V. Anil Kumar,
S/o. Late. B.H. Varadaraju, Aged about 40 years, R/at. No. 5/253, 17th Main, 3rd Cross, Muneshwara Block, Bengaluru-560 026.
-V/s-
Defendant: G.Chinnappa Reddy and Others

SUMMONS / NOTICE TO DEFENDANT 1 TO 10 UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20 OF CPC

1. Sri. G. Chinnappa Reddy,
S/o. K.A. Gopal Reddy, Aged about 62 years,
2. Sri. C. Rajesh, S/o. Chinnappa Reddy Major
Both are R/at. No.40, 1st Cross, 5th Main, Ittamadu, Anjaneya Nagar, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-560 085.
3. Sri. Nagendra Prasad,
S/o. N. Narayana, Aged about 41 years,
4. Sri. N. Ravindra Prasad,
S/o. N. Narayana, Aged about 41 years,
5. Sri. N. Rajendra Prasad,
S/o. N. Narayana, Aged about 39 years,
Respondents No. 3 to 5 are R/at. No. 139/1, 1st 'E' Block, 5th Main, 4th Block, 2nd Phase, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-560 085.
6. Smt. Lakshmamma,
W/o. Late. Somashekar, Aged about 56 years,
7. Sri. Kumar, S/o Late Somashekar,
Aged about 31 years,
8. Smt. Chowdamma, D/o. M. Muniyappa,
Aged about 46 years,
9. Sri. Manjunath, S/o. Late Someshekar,
Aged about 36 years, Respondents 6 to 9 are R/at Hosakerehalli Village. Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-560 085,
10. Sri. Kempaiah, S/o Siddegowda,
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North by: Road, South by: Site No.31

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By Order of the Court
***Sd/-* Senior Sheristedar**
City Civil Court, Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff's:
Rekha. K , Advocate,
Nanda Gokula, No. 472, 13th Main, 4th Block, Nandini Layout, Bengaluru-560 096.
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INBRIEF

APSRTC fully ready for free bus travel scheme roll-out

The Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation (APSRTC) is fully prepared to implement the Stree Shakti – free bus travel scheme for women, girls, and transgender individuals across the State starting from August 15, announced APSRTC Chairman Konakalla Narayana and Vice Chairman & Managing Director Ch. Dwaraka Tirumala Rao on Thursday. Mr. Konakalla Narayana and Mr. Dwaraka Tirumala Rao said that women will be able to travel free in five categories of APSRTC buses, excluding air-conditioned and high-end buses. Additionally, free travel will not be allowed on ghat road routes in view of possible challenges. "We anticipate tremendous demand from women passengers and there could be overcrowding of the buses. It can impact the safety of passengers and the efficiency of operations on the ghat roads," they said.

MLC alleges scam in medical test for construction workers

Accusing Karnataka Minister for Labour Santhosh Lad of involvement in irregularities to the tune of over ₹300 crore in the guise of health check-up for construction workers in the last two years, BJP MLC K.S. Naveen has demanded the Minister's resignation and a CBI probe into the issue.

Addressing a press conference in Bengaluru on Thursday, Mr. Naveen alleged that crores of rupees had been claimed from the Karnataka Construction Workers' Welfare Fund by producing fake documents to show that medical check-up had been conducted for a large number of construction workers. He alleged that in Chitradurga alone, the Labour Department claimed that 33,500 workers had been subjected to medical check-up, though records showed that only 6,000 workers had registered in the district.

Kerala HC orders interim stay on FIR against actor Shwetha

Justice V.G. Arun states that the CJM court had *prima facie* violated procedures; it has sought a report on the procedure followed before forwarding the complaint to the police for probe

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

The Kerala High Court on Thursday issued an interim stay on an FIR registered against actor Shwetha Menon after she approached the court seeking the quashing of the FIR in which she was charged with acting in movies and advertisements allegedly having obscene content for financial gain.

The FIR registered on Wednesday had further mentioned that these contents were transmitted via social media and adult sites to gain popularity. She had been charged under Section 67(A) of the Information Technology Act, 2000 and under Sections 3 and 5 of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 after the Ernakulam Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) Court issued a directive to the police based on a complaint by Martin Menachery, an Ernakulam resident. Ms. Menon submitted in her petition before the High Court earlier on Thursday that the movies had been certified by the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) and were publicly exhibited years ago.

Shwetha Menon

While issuing the interim stay order, a Bench of Justice V.G. Arun stated that the CJM court had *prima facie* violated procedures and issued a directive to the police to register an FIR. It also directed the Registry to seek a report from the CJM on the procedure followed before forwarding the complaint to the police for probe.

It is crucial to note that the character that the petitioner portrayed in the film *Paleri Manikyam,* which the complainant says as obscene, bagged the Kerala State award for best actress. The FIR against the actor has come at a time when she is contesting for the post of the president of the Association of Malayalam Movie Artistes (AMMA) in the election to be held on August 15.

Actors condemn FIR

Many actors in the Malayalam film industry has come out against the FIR registered against Ms. Menon.

Actor Maala Parvathi alleged that it "may be a handiwork of somebody whose wish to head the organisation had failed to materialise". Senior actor Devan, who is also contesting for the post of president of AMMA, termed the complaint as "nonsense and filed with an ulterior motive."

Jeep driver arrested for attacking YouTubers in Dharmasthala

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

Police on Thursday arrested Somanath Sapalya, a jeep driver from Kanyadi, near Dharmasthala, for assaulting three YouTubers and a cameraman at Pangala in the temple town on Wednesday.

A police statement said that the 50-year-old driver was arrested at Kokkada, near Dharmasthala. A court remaned him in judicial custody for 14 days.

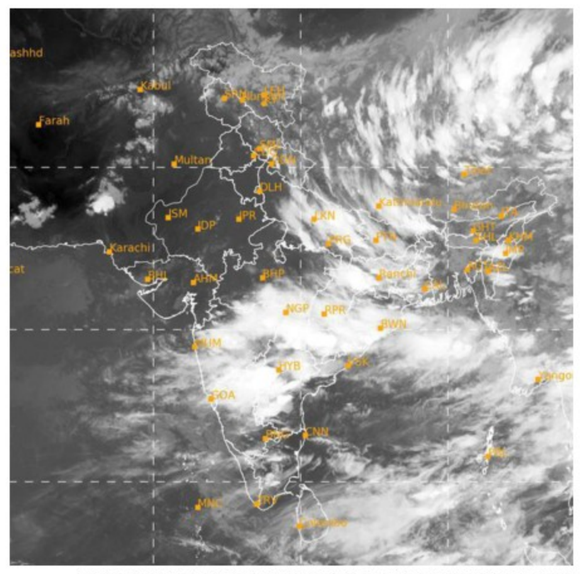
A group of 50 people allegedly assaulted YouTubers Ajay Anchan, Santosh, Abhishek, and Anchan's cameraman Suhas and damaged their two vehicles and a camera.

Police registered seven FIRs relating to the Pangala incident and assault on a television reporter at Ujire. Four FIRs were registered in the Dharmasthala police station in connection with the incident in Pangala. The cases were registered for offences under Sections 189(2), 191(2) , 115(2), 324(5), 352, 307, 132, 110, and 351(2).

One among the four FIRs registered was in connection with holding a protest in front of the Dharmasthala police station without obtaining any permission. R. Harish, a reporter of Asianet Suvarna Kannada news channel, was allegedly assaulted in front of a private hospital at Ujire allegedly by those "who supported YouTubers" when he had gone to the hospital where the YouTubers were admitted. Three FIRs were registered at the Belthangady Police station in this connection.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



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Forecast for Friday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Tripura, Sikkim, West Bengal, Odisha, Jharkhand, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	122	27.6	25.4	Kozhikode	—	29.7	24.7
Ahmedabad	—	35.4	26.4	Kurnool	—	34.3	26.7
Aizawl	—	29.5	22.9	Lucknow	58	34.6	24.8
Allahabad	0.3	35.6	26.4	Madurai	—	40.0	25.5
Bengaluru	25.4	28.3	20.6	Mangaluru	2.2	27.8	24.0
Bhopal	—	32.2	23.0	Mumbai	35	30.5	25.0
Bhubaneswar	2.4	34.4	26.4	Mysuru	—	30.2	20.8
Chandigarh	6	34.8	23.5	New Delhi	—	35.8	26.1
Chennai	—	36.7	26.6	Patna	—	33.3	27.8
Coimbatore	—	31.9	22.5	Port Blair	—	31.2	25.9
Dehradun	1	33.8	23.4	Puducherry	—	32.7	25.7
Gangtok	7	23.4	19.3	Pune	—	32.8	23.4
Goa	0.8	28.0	24.4	Raipur	22	32.3	23.5
Guwahati	1	32.8	26.9	Ranchi	6	30.0	22.0
Hubballi	—	29.0	22.0	Shillong	0.1	22.8	19.0
Hyderabad	—	34.4	23.8	Shimla	19	25.6	16.0
Imphal	—	30.4	22.1	Srinagar	—	29.2	17.0
Jaipur	—	34.9	25.8	Thiruvananthapuram	—	31.8	23.8
Kochi	—	29.4	24.4	Tiruchi	—	36.1	25.4
Kohima	23	24.6	19.4	Vijayawada	—	35.6	27.8
Kolkata	0.6	31.2	26.1	Visakhapatnam	—	34.8	29.1

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.16	..44	67	 95	89	.....
Bengaluru	.11	..21	32	 31	...118	.....
Chennai	.15	..19	95	 17	50	.....
Delhi	...9	..33	20	 52	...207	.....
Hyderabad	.36	..25	47	... 137	...106	.....
Kolkata	.10	..99	31	 59	73	.....
Lucknow	...7	..37	94	 47	82	.....
Mumbai	.20	..28	22	 39	70	.....
Pune	...3	...9	42	 84	83	.....
Visakhapatnam	...9	..31	15	 48	82	.....

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Sri Ganganagar, Rajasthan recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 214 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 17

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

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Excerpts from the Chairman's Speech at the 38th Annual General Meeting

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- **Loan Disbursement: ₹30,168 Crore in FY25** as against ₹25,089 Crore in FY24 (up by 20%)
- **Profit After Tax: ₹1,699 Crore in FY25** as against ₹1,252 Crore in FY24 (up by 36%)
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Beyond delivering strong financial results, your Company achieved several strategic and operational milestones in FY25. The highlights below reflect its continued leadership in advancing India's green energy transition and supporting national climate goals.

Awarded the prestigious 'Navratna' status from Schedule 'A' CPSE by the Department of Public Enterprises

Your Company was recognised as a Navratna CPSE on 26th April 2024, reflecting our financial strength, operational excellence, and strategic vision. This status confers significant autonomy to your Company in shaping its business targets and ambition which in turn will translate into responsive support to the renewable energy sector.

Recognised as one of the top 5 wealth creators in the Country by Economic times in Dec 2024 basis market capitalisation

Your Company was recognised by Economic Times as India's 2nd highest wealth creator stock - with impressive 215% Y-o-Y (year on year) shareholder return between November 2023 and November 2024. Notably, your Company was the only Public Sector Enterprise to feature in this esteemed list, underscoring its exceptional performance and commitment to shareholder value.

Fastest publication of Audited Annual & Quarterly Financial Results amongst NSE and BSE listed Banks & NBFCs with market cap exceeding ₹50 Crore

Your Company has set a new benchmark by publishing its Annual Audited Financial Results (FY25) within just 15 days and publishing its Quarterly Audited Financial Results within 9 days (Q3 FY25). This is the fastest publication of Audited Annual Results amongst both NSE and BSE listed Banks & NBFCs in India with a market capitalisation exceeding ₹50 Crore as of 31st March, 2025. The reduction in time to publish the results to 15 days in FY25 from 60 days in FY19 reflects your Company's emphasis on Process Efficiency, Corporate Governance and Transparency.

Opening of office in GIFT City, Gandhinagar for Foreign currency denominated debt financing

In FY25, your Company received final registration from IFSCA for its subsidiary in IFSC GIFT City (Gujarat), which will specialise in providing foreign currency debt, facilitating natural hedging and significantly reducing financing cost for Renewable Energy Sector including Green Hydrogen & its derivatives as well as for Renewable Energy Equipment Manufacturing projects (Modules, Cells, Wafers, Turbines, Electrolyzers, etc.). This strategic initiative will play a pivotal role in advancing the nation's commitment towards sustainable development.

Conferral of International Credit Rating by S&P Global and AAA (Stable) ratings by domestic agencies

In FY25, your Company achieved a significant milestone by securing an international credit rating of BBB- with a Stable outlook from S&P Global Ratings. This rating aligns closely with India's sovereign rating, underscoring your Company's robust financial health and its pivotal role in advancing the nation's renewable energy objectives.

Further, your Company's creditworthiness was recognised through an **upgrade in its domestic credit rating to AAA (Stable) by CARE Ratings**. Additionally, your Company continued to maintain its AAA (Stable) ratings from leading domestic credit agencies, including ICRA, India Ratings & Research, Acuité Ratings & Research and Brickwork Ratings. These top-tier ratings reflect your Company's consistent performance, strategic importance in the renewable energy sector and unwavering commitment to financial excellence.

"Excellent" rating under MoU with MNRE

Your Company signed an MoU with the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), setting annual financial and operational targets. It received an 'Excellent' rating for FY24, the fourth year in a row, highlighting its strong performance and commitment to renewable energy goals. Based on FY25 performance, a similar rating is expected, pending government assessment.

Recognition at the CBIP Awards, PSE Excellence Awards & by MNRE

In FY25, your Company was honoured with the prestigious **CBIP Award 2024** by the **Central Board of Irrigation and Power (CBIP)** in recognition of its **outstanding contribution to the development of renewable energy** in the country. CMD IREDA was also conferred the **CBIP Individual Award 2024** for his exemplary leadership in driving renewable energy development.

Further, your Company was recognised for its exemplary performance at the **14th PSE Excellence Awards**, winning Gold position in the categories of **Corporate Governance** and **CSR & Sustainability**, and Silver for **Operational Performance Excellence:** a testament to its strong institutional integrity, social responsibility and operational leadership. Your Company was also honoured by the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy for its **significant contribution to India's achievement of the 200 GW non-fossil installed capacity milestone**, as the largest NBFC in the sector, at RE-Invest 2024 on 16th September 2024.

Key operational initiatives launched

Catalytic leadership for emerging RE sectors

In FY25, your Company reiterated its commitment to providing catalytic leadership to emerging green technologies by offering **first-to-market support** for Ethanol, Green Ammonia, Pumped Storage Hydropower, Smart Meter, Solar equipment manufacturing projects, as well as de-centralised generation projects under Solar Rooftop and PM KUSUM.

Save Tax, Support Green India
IREDA has received Finance Ministry approval to issue 54EC Capital Gains Tax Exemption Bonds - an upcoming opportunity to enjoy tax benefits while investing in a greener future.

Further, at the **RE-Invest 2024 Conclave**, your Company pledged **₹5 Lakh Crore in debt financing by 2030** to support the rapid growth of India's renewable energy sector.

Implementation support provided for key MNRE Schemes

Your Company has been closely involved in the development and implementation of various policies pertaining to the renewable energy sector. Further, your Company is serving as the implementing agency for the following key MNRE schemes:

- National Programme on High Efficiency **Solar PV Modules** under Production Linked Incentive, Tranche-I
- **Central Public Sector Undertaking Scheme Phase II** for setting up **grid-connected Solar PV** projects under Tranche III
- Programme on Energy from **Urban, Industrial & Agricultural Wastes/Residues** as part of the National Bioenergy Programme, Phase I
- **Solar & Wind Generation-based** Incentive (GBI) Schemes

Initiatives to improve borrower experience

Your Company has maintained its emphasis on customer-first approach by institutionalising **quarterly stakeholder engagements** and streamlining the borrower experience. With a **fully digital, paperless loan ecosystem**, from application to disbursement, your Company has redefined the ease of doing business in green finance, earning consistent appreciation for its speed, transparency and responsiveness.

Initiatives to develop human resources

Your Company has undertaken various initiatives to augment and develop its employee base.

- **Expansion:** Aligned with its strong growth trajectory, your Company has steadily scaled its workforce with further plans to induct over 60 personnel in FY26. As of 31st March 2025, your Company's total employee strength stood at 166, excluding Board-level executives.
- **Development:** Given the rapidly evolving renewable energy sector, your Company places an emphasis on **continuous learning and development**. Over FY25, the organisation facilitated ~1,523 man-days of training for its employees, focusing on emerging technologies and innovative financing solutions.
- **Well-being & Motivation:** Your Company has consistently prioritised employee well-being by organising **daily meditation and yoga** sessions, along with **regular wellness camps**.
- **Diversity & Inclusion:** Your Company has a strong commitment to diversity & inclusion - **Women comprise 28.3% of your Company's workforce – ~3x of the average 9.5% women employees in CPSEs** as per the PE Survey Report for 2023-24. Further, your Company remains firmly committed to social equity, actively implementing Government of India directives to ensure fair representation and opportunity for SC/ST/OBC employees. Through inclusive talent strategies, from recruitment to career development, your Company fosters a workplace culture that is diverse, respectful and rooted in equal opportunity for all.

Driving Excellence through Corporate Governance

Your Company upholds a governance framework rooted in **integrity, transparency and accountability** - ensuring ethical conduct and operational efficiency at every level. **Fully compliant** with the Companies Act, SEBI LODR Regulations, DPE Guidelines, Secretarial Standards and other relevant guidelines, your Company consistently aligns with the highest benchmarks for Public Sector Enterprises.

Demonstrating leadership in disclosure and transparency, your Company set a new industry standard by publishing its **Annual Audited Financial Results within just 15 days**, far ahead of SEBI's 60-day requirement, making it the **fastest amongst NSE and BSE listed Banking & NBFC companies** with market cap exceeding ₹50 Crore. This achievement underscores your Company's commitment to governance excellence, powered by robust internal systems and digital agility.

Championing Impactful Corporate Social Responsibility for a Sustainable Future

Rooted in its green financing mission, your Company approaches Corporate Social Responsibility as a catalyst for inclusive and sustainable development. In alignment with national priorities, your Company's FY25 CSR initiatives

responsible for renewables

focused on high-impact areas such as **healthcare and nutrition, education & youth, and renewable energy & sustainability**, amplifying the social value of its clean energy mandate.

During FY25, your Company undertook a diverse portfolio of CSR initiatives aligned with its commitment to inclusive and sustainable development. Key projects included support for **mobile medical vans** serving children with disabilities in Himachal Pradesh, procurement of **ICU-equipped ambulances** in Rajasthan, and the provision of **medical equipment** to hospitals and educational institutions.

In the realm of education and youth empowerment, your Company supported the development of a **Sainik School** in **Silvassa** and **sponsored 50 interns under the Prime Minister's Internship Scheme.**

Furthering its commitment to inclusive green mobility, the Company extended **financial assistance** to the **Shri Jagannath Temple in Puri** for **operation** and **maintenance of 10 battery-operated vehicles** previously donated by the Company and additionally donated **4 battery-operated vehicles** to **Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University,** New Delhi for the benefit of **differently-abled individuals, senior citizens** and campus visitors.

Reinforcing its core focus on renewable energy and sustainability, your Company funded the installation of **solar power systems in Uttar Pradesh's Anganwadi centres and health facilities.**

During FY25, your Company sanctioned a total amount of ₹24.36 Crore (including administration expenses) for 13 projects and disbursed a total amount of ₹7.82 Crore, including disbursements from unspent accounts for previous years and administrative expenses for FY25.

Initiatives for offsetting carbon footprint of operations

In addition to supporting the country's decarbonisation goals, your Company strives towards achieving carbon neutrality in its operations. Your Company owns and operates a 50 MW Solar plant at Kasaragod in Kerala, which produced ~70,539 MWh of renewable energy resulting in reduction of ~59,958 Tonnes of CO_2 in FY25.

HOLISTIC STRATEGY FOR IREDA

As India's foremost pure-play green financing institution, your Company is charting a bold, future-ready strategy to accelerate the nation's clean energy transformation. By offering customised financial solutions, competitive lending and deep sectoral expertise, your Company continues to empower both proven and emerging technologies critical to achieving India's 500 GW non-fossil fuel target by 2030 and its broader net-zero vision.

- **Fueling Momentum Across the Renewable Energy Spectrum**
  Your Company continues to lead the charge in mainstream sectors such as solar, wind, hydropower, biomass and biofuels - the key pillars in achieving the Government of India's 500 GW non-fossil fuel target by 2030. Through tailored financial instruments, competitive rates and innovative products, your Company is not just financing projects - it's accelerating India's clean energy deployment at scale.
- **Backing the Technologies of Tomorrow**
  Beyond mature markets, your Company is strategically expanding into emerging solutions that are shaping the future of energy: green hydrogen and its derivatives, offshore wind, battery storage, pumped hydro, rooftop solar, smart metering, green mobility and green energy corridors. A dedicated team is actively evaluating and financing these projects, while internal capacity-building ensures our people are prepared to lead in these evolving sectors.
- **Expanding Global Reach through GIFT City**
  With the establishment of its office at GIFT City, Gandhinagar, your Company now offers foreign currency-denominated debt, enabling natural hedging for globally linked industries such as renewable manufacturing and green hydrogen exports. This platform positions your Company to reduce financing costs and enhance competitiveness in international clean energy markets.
- **Building a Smarter, More Resilient Capital Strategy**
  To optimise cost of funds, your Company is refining its capital mix through diversified domestic and global sources including bonds, multilateral agencies and strategic partnerships. Backed by strong credit ratings and institutional credibility, this approach enhances both profitability and capital availability for borrowers.
- **Accelerating Digital-First Growth**
  Recognising the role of technology in scaling impact, your Company is undergoing a digital transformation. This includes digitising core lending functions and enabling workflows across Treasury, Legal, Risk, Recovery, Audit and Compliance. Your Company's fully paperless Business Centre at NBCC, New Delhi, embodies this shift supporting operational agility, transparency and seamless stakeholder engagement.

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To our customers, lenders, shareholders, investors, state governments and financial partners, your trust and collaboration are deeply appreciated.

I extend heartfelt thanks to my fellow Board members for their guidance and to our employees for their unwavering dedication.

With warm regards,

Sd/-
Pradip Kumar Das
Chairman & Managing Director
DIN: 07448576

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(This does not purport to be a record of the proceedings of the Annual General Meeting)

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Betting on casinos, crypto

Recovering money swindled from victims in cybercrime cases is already a Herculean task. **Chetan B. C.** reports on the recent trends which show how cyber criminal networks are colluding with other networks like casinos, online betting apps and crypto currency exchanges to launder money, and in many instances, also converting black money to white, complicating the money trails further and posing severe challenges to law enforcement agencies.

About two months ago, Manjunath (name changed), a cab driver from Hyderabad, had the shock of his life when he received summons from the Bengaluru South East Division Cyber Crime Police asking him to appear for questioning in a cyber crime case. "Your response is required regarding a money transaction to your account. Appear before the investigator at the Bengaluru Southeast CEN Police Station," the summons read.

Manjunath rushed to Bengaluru as he had received the letter late and had already missed the deadline. The police, meanwhile, were preparing to send a team to Hyderabad, but eventually detained Manjunath in Shanthinagar after tracking his location.

"His account had received money transferred by a resident of South Bengaluru, who had been duped by a cyberfraudster in a courier fraud," the investigator handling the case told *The Hindu*.

A courier fraud or a FedEx fraud is one where cyberfraudsters claiming to call from Customs or one of the law enforcement agencies claiming they had intercepted a courier in their name with contraband, subject them to 'interrogation' on video, seek their bank details and siphon off money, or sometimes subject gullible citizens to even "digital arrest".

Manjunath was summoned as the money siphoned off from the victim in South Bengaluru had landed in his account. However, further investigation revealed that Manjunath's landlord in Hyderabad, one Eshwar, had "borrowed" his account for a transaction to avoid "tax issues", and that is how the money siphoned off from the Bengaluru-based cyber crime victim landed in Manjunath's account.

The police then began pursuing Eshwar, a businessman and a casino enthusiast, suspecting him to be part of a cyber fraudsters' gang. But he was also not.

Investigations found that Eshwar had visited a casino in Sri Lanka after which the transaction was initiated. "During his visit, Eshwar stopped gambling midway and returned to India. He surrendered all the casino chips he had purchased using real money and asked for a refund," the investigator explained. To receive the refund, Eshwar requested Manjunath's bank account details and provided it to the casino. The police connected the dots and concluded that the Sri Lankan casino had links with cyber fraudsters operating in India. The refund was made through proceeds of cyber crime.

Money laundering networks

This is not an isolated case. Senior police officials say such links between cyber criminal networks and various networks, including hawala, crypto currencies, casinos, online betting apps and the likes, are increasingly common. This indicates how several networks are converging to launder illicit money and in many instances also converting black money to white money.

> Banks should enforce stricter Know Your Customer protocols and conduct thorough checks while opening accounts

This has posed serious challenges to law enforcement agencies, as the money trail has become more complex, spread over not just multiple States in the country, but also overseas. As an indication of this, the Directorate of Enforcement (ED), the specialist federal agency to check money laundering and violations of foreign exchange rules, has been joining several cyber crime investigations across the country.

This has complicated an already herculean task of recovering swindled money from cyber crime victims.

The casino route

Like in the case illustrated above, following the money trail in several cyber crime cases have recently led investigators to casinos, often overseas.

Indian cyber fraudsters often have accomplices abroad, while agents representing foreign casinos operate in India. When cybercriminals need to transfer money to their overseas counterparts, they pay casino agents in India using money mules or proceeds from cyber crime. The foreign casino agents then disburse equivalent funds to the fraudsters' partners abroad. Likewise, whenever casinos have to pay someone, like in the above case, there are instances where they have used cyber crime networks to pay them.

Online betting apps

Recently, the ED summoned over 25 celebrities in connection with a money laundering case registered under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, related to online gaming platforms.

Pronab Mohanty, Director-General of Police (DGP) and head of the newly formed Cyber Command Unit (CCU), confirmed that several cyber crime investigations have unearthed links to money laundering through online betting platforms. "In many cases, the stolen money was laundered through online betting and cryptocurrency," Mr. Mohanty told *The Hindu*.

Betting applications provide virtual coins or chips in exchange for real money. Winners are paid in cash or through accounts that are untraceable to them by these platforms. Since these gaming apps do not use their nodal accounts to pay winners, there is no proof that a payment was made to a particular user. Such payments are outsourced to cyber criminal networks, who pay winners using proceeds of cyber crimes, often transferring money from victims to the accounts who need to be paid. These cyber criminal networks are reimbursed with an additional cut later through other means, often abroad and in white. Meanwhile, the money collected from other players by the betting app is legitimate, effectively converting black money into white, an officer explained.

According to the officer, many of these betting apps are unverified. "PlayStore won't permit such apps. They are floated online and advertised via social media and Telegram channels," the officer said, advising users to avoid unverified apps and not to install them via APK files.

The crypto route

Cryptocurrencies are another often chosen avenue to launder proceeds of cyber crimes.

A senior CID officer described how some foot soldiers open wallets on crypto currency exchanges and deposit stolen funds. In return, they receive cryptocurrency equivalent to the amount deposited, which they then transfer to ringmasters abroad.

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>
> **A SENIOR CID OFFICER**

In other instances, the fraudsters transfer stolen funds into a specific mule account that appears legitimate and holds proper documentation. Using those credentials, they send a large sum of defrauded money to a crypto currency exchange and receive the corresponding cryptocurrency.

"Crypto exchanges are secure and transactions are hard to trace, even though technically it is possible. But we cannot freeze a crypto wallet, as current laws do not allow it. In cases where fraudsters use their own secure wallets not linked to any exchange, it becomes virtually impossible to trace or track subsequent transactions," the officer said.

Even when the police identify the wallet receiving the stolen funds, they are unable to determine its ownership due to encryption and anonymity.

Gaps in banking system

However, this kind of money laundering is possible due to gaps in our banking system, say cyber crime investigators. Investigators frequently blame the banking system for allowing fraudsters to get away with siphoned funds. According to them, such laundering can be curbed only through a broader and streamlined banking system.

"Banks should enforce stricter Know Your Customer (KYC) protocols and conduct thorough checks while opening accounts. These checks are currently lacking, leading to the creation of lakhs of mule accounts," said a CID officer. According to data from the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C), a federal agency coordinating cyber crime investigations in the country, nearly 4,000 mule accounts are created in India every day. Creation of every mule account is a testament to gaps in the banking regulations, officers argue.

Not just that, as per Reserve Bank of India regulations, banks are mandated to monitor suspicious transactions and flag them. However, this rarely happens. These shortcomings are indirectly aiding cyber criminals.

Moreover, banks are slow to respond when police seek information. Data accessed by *The Hindu* shows that major private-sector banks in the State took up to 30 days to reply to police queries in 2024, when the golden hour to freeze an account to prevent the swindled money, proceeds of cyber crimes is around two hours. The Bengaluru City Police's Cybercrime Information Report (CIR) helpline has been a pioneer in this real time intervention. However, it depends on victims reporting crimes to the helpline within the golden hour and the banks also responding and acting with alacrity in the same time window.

Mule accounts

In addition, victims face larger problems because of the existence of mule accounts.

For example, a fraudster scamming a victim in Karnataka may use mule accounts based in another State to make police investigations more difficult. Likewise, the money withdrawal would occur in a third State, further complicating the trail.

"A foot soldier in the third State would withdraw the stolen funds and deposit them with a local money laundering agent. The agent's counterpart in Karnataka would then pay the original fraudster," the officer explained.

Cyber crime investigators also say that these foot soldiers choose ATMs with low surveillance or those that witness high foot traffic to avoid detection during withdrawals. According to Ministry of Home Affairs documents accessed by *The Hindu*, several ATMs in Bengaluru, Mysuru, Shivamogga, and Kalaburagi have become hotspots for money mules withdrawing illicit funds. Among the top 10 locations, over five ATMs in Yelahanka alone have seen the highest volume of withdrawals. Banks in Bengaluru have also become key points where cheques are deposited and funds siphoned off from mule accounts.

According to the CID officer, once investigators trace a victim's money to a particular bank account, they must request the bank's Law Enforcement Agency (LEA) officer to freeze it.

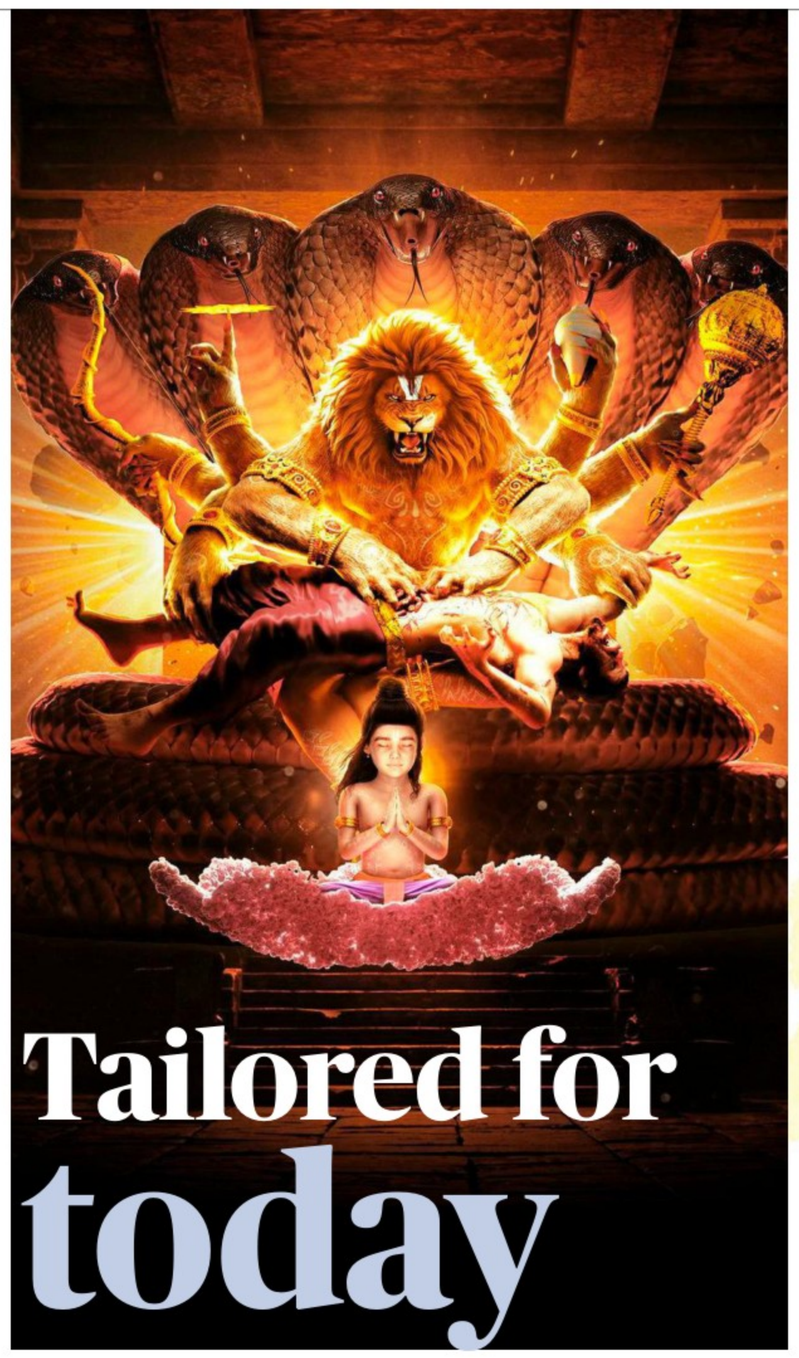
"After that, the victim must approach the court for an order, which is sent back to the bank through the investigator," the officer explained. Upon receiving the court order, the bank transfers the funds to the account specified in the order. However, complications arise when multiple victims are connected to the same mule account. "Mule accounts are often used for several frauds. When such an account is frozen, multiple victims submit court orders for the same funds," the officer said. In such cases, banks are stuck. They may release funds on a first-come, first-served basis or, sometimes, not at all.

There have also been instances where victims received refunds from a mule account only to have their own accounts frozen later. "When the victim gets his or her money, their account becomes the last transaction point for that mule account. Investigators from other cases linked to the same mule account may see the last transaction also as a fraudulent one and freeze the first victim's (the one that got a refund) account," the officer added.

To address this, the Karnataka police issued a standing order stating that only the first layer of mule accounts should be frozen, while the money in the others should be lien-marked and not entirely frozen. However, investigators argue that this allows the second and third layers to remain active, despite their involvement in cyber crimes.

"When an account is frozen, no activity is allowed. However, when a specific amount is lien marked in the account, then that money will be frozen, but the account can function normally," the officer explained.

These irregularities expose a lack of a standard operating procedure and highlight gaps in policing. Investigators believe the MHA must step in to rectify the issue. While the Indian Cybercrime Coordination Centre (I4C) oversees such matters, many of these issues remain unaddressed.



Tailored for today

***Mahavatar Narsimha*, directed by Ashwin Kumar** and distributed by Hombale Films, blends mythology with modern sensibility to captivate mainstream audiences

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The animation genre in India is still a work in progress, and the success of *Mahavatar Narsimha* has come as a ray of hope for the genre. Directed by Ashwin Kumar and produced by Kleem Productions, the movie has reportedly grossed over ₹100 crore, becoming the most successful Indian animated movie. Distributed by the Bengaluru-based Hombale Films, the banner behind *KGF* and *Kantara*, the film is the first instalment of a seven-part animated series.

Revolving around the classic myth of Prahalad and Hiranyakashipu, the movie has surprised trade experts and industry members with its popularity among the mainstream audience. Hindol Hazra, creator at Chalchitra Talks, calls *Mahavatar Narsimha* a "film accessible to all".

"*Hanuman* was released 20 years ago, and it's still fondly remembered by people of my generation," notes Hindol.

"Superstar Chiranjeevi had dubbed for the Hanuman character for the Telugu version. In 2012, there was a film called *Arjun: The Warrior Prince*, which didn't get the attention it deserved. That's not the case for *Mahavatar Narsimha*, as it has managed to create an audience for itself. The film is a perfect balance of larger-than-life action sequences and sincere storytelling."

Children have been the biggest consumers of *Mahavatar Narsimha*. The idea from makers to treat the final 30 minutes of the movie, where lord Narsimha takes on Hiranyakashipu, like an action spectacle from a superhero movie, has paid dividends. The action is jaw-droppingly good, drawing the crowd to root for Narsimha, the fourth avatar of Vishnu.

"That kind of treatment is necessary," points out Hindol. "Children today grow up watching the best of Marvel and DC movies.

A blend of mythology and modern sensibility Stills from the animated movie *Mahavatar Narsimha*. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

So, if you want to cater to the current generation, you must make a stylish film without diluting the essence of the original story."

Despite its success, *Mahavatar Narsimha* is not a perfect film. The animation feels disproportionate. It is as if the best was kept for the last, with the rest of the film being inconsistent on the technical front.

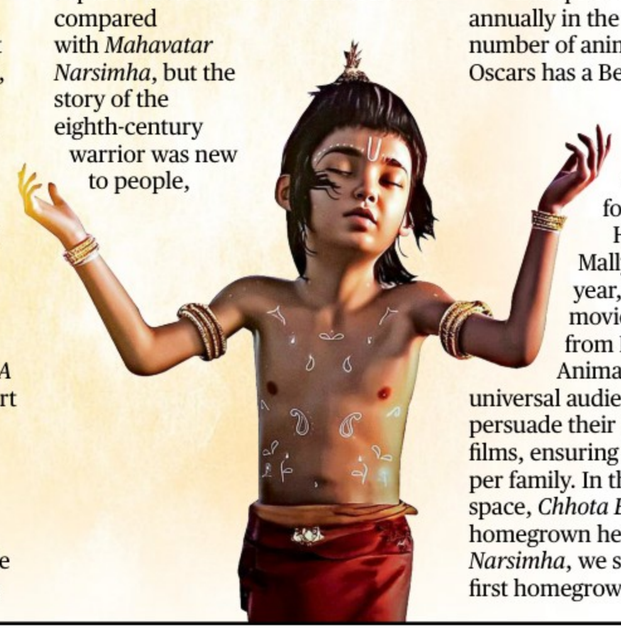
"By no means is this the best animation in the world," Ashwin had told *The Hindu* before the release. "It's a step towards that for India, and we have to make it better."

Rahul V Gopalakrishna, VFX supervisor for films such as *777 Charlie* and the upcoming *Kantara A Legend: Chapter 1*, says it was a smart call by the makers to put their best efforts on important sequences.

"Having worked in the film industry for some time, I know the constraints of an independent production. This film was also made initially in an independent manner, with Hombale Films coming on-board only at the end as a presenter. However, I hope that the success of the film enables the makers to improve the film's animation quality in the upcoming parts.," he explains.

"I work in the film industry, and I know the constraints of an independent production," says Hindol. "Hombale Films came into the picture as a presenter. They weren't part of the film's production. However, the success of the movie makes me optimistic about the quality of the upcoming parts," he adds.

Mahavatar Narsimha overcomes its technical issues with its strong emotional resonance with the audience. "As a Kannadiga, this story is special to me because I have watched Dr Rajkumar's cult-classic *Bhakta Prahlada* (1983). Indians can relate to the tale, as opposed to *Kochadaiiyaan*, whose protagonist wasn't familiar to those outside of Tamil Nadu," reasons Rahul. "*Kochadaiiyan*, which adopted the motion capture technique, is a far superior work on the technical front compared with *Mahavatar Narsimha*, but the story of the eighth-century warrior was new to people, making the experience less immersive."



The climax of *Mahavatar Narsimha* is an emotionally-charged experience, balanced with the world-class action," says Harish Mallya, consultant curator, Bengaluru International Film Festival.

"The background score is resounding. They have cleverly upped the ante when the film nears the end, making you yearn for the big moments. The final impact is no less than the climactic finish of *Baahubali* or *KGF*," says Mallya.

He feels Narsimha is a great indigenous character for the Indian audience.

"In Hollywood, you have Shrek, who is a popular figure in animation. The *Cars* franchise is known for its unique world-building. Similarly, the story of Narsimha resonates with all generations, making the possibility of a franchise exciting."

Mallya feels it is time the Indian film industry tapped into the world of animation. Till date, the classic *Ramayana: The Legend of Prince Rama* remains the best retelling of an Indian tale in the animation world.

"India produces the most movies annually in the world. Yet, the number of animated films is less. Oscars has a Best Animation Feature category and a Best Short Film Feature section. There are reputed film festivals for animated movies."

Hindol echoes Mallya's thoughts. "Every year, the highest-grossing movies in Hollywood are from Pixar or Disney. Animation movies have a universal audience. Children persuade their parents to watch the films, ensuring three or four tickets per family. In the Indian television space, *Chhota Bheem* is a homegrown hero. With *Mahavatar Narsimha*, we seem to have had our first homegrown animation series."

Flight bite

Dhaba on the Highway is a delicious dining option if one is in the vicinity of Bengaluru airport

Street side charm Dhaba on the Highway offers outdoor dining too, lending an authentic touch to the meal. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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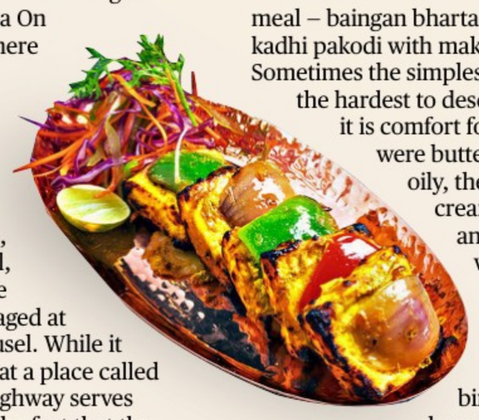
The commute to and from Kempegowda International Airport is almost always fraught with anxiety for various reasons. The food there, with its baggage of questions (How fresh? How clean?), need not be a concern anymore. Nestled within Brigade Orchards is Dhaba On The Highway, a mere 20 minutes away from the airport, making it accessible and appealing.



And not to sound alliterative, appetising as well, whether you have battled traffic or aged at the luggage carousel. While it is a no-brainer that a place called Dhaba On The Highway serves Punjabi cuisine, the fact that the offerings are hearty, homely and delicious, tick all my boxes.

The interiors of this 58-seater are done up in the rustic aesthetic of the heartland, bright cushions on cane furniture, vivid posters framing the walls alongside knickknacks such as ceramic pickle jars, typewriters and paper kites, menu cards in embroidery frames and of course, an assortment of *dhols*.

The menu is a no-frills, concise affair for which I am thankful. In a day and age where everyone serves everything, it is reassuring to learn of places that pick a path and stick to it.

We begin with the tamatar dhaniya ka shorba (tomato soup) which is familiar and comforting, and follow it up with a dahi de kebab – not too gooey, not too firm on the inside, and wonderfully crisp on the outside.

Next, we try the tandoori chicken and Amritsari macchi. Well-marinated and savoury, the chicken is succulent and done just right. The fish is delicious too, though I found the flavour of carom seeds a tad too pungent.

We move on to the main part of our meal – baingan bharta and Punjabi kadhi pakodi with makke di roti. Sometimes the simplest of things are the hardest to describe; in this case it is comfort food. The rotis were buttery without being oily, the kadhi was creamy and spicy, and the bharta was wonderfully smoky and not overpoweringly so.

Aromatic biryanis and rajma chawal beckoned, and if all we had before were any indication, I have no doubt they would have been as wholesome and appetising as everything we had just eaten. But, while we were too full to taste mains, we found we could accommodate a spoonful or two of dessert.

I am glad we had the moong dal halwa. Warm and with the right amount of coarseness to its texture, it was not cloyingly sweet and rounded off our meal perfectly.

Cost for two ₹1000. At Brigade Orchards, The Arcade, Devanahalli. For reservations call 099000 94544

Reliving history

Un. Divided Identities, conceptualised and curated by Bengaluru-based ReReeti Foundation, tells lesser-known stories about the Partition

A peek into the past This exhibition allows visitors to physically experience the weight of this mass migration event, which affected nearly 14 million people. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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An abandoned chair balances precariously on a pile of rubble in the corner of the gallery of the Bangalore International Centre (BIC) in Domlur, where *Un. Divided Identities*, an interactive exhibition on the 1947 Partition, is still being set up.

I flit between the various open doors scattered across the space, stepping past a myriad collection of objects across the gallery, including the frame of a *charpoy*, oil lamps, a dented tiffin carrier, *choolah* and a battered-looking metal trunk, all anachronistic enough to evoke a sense of loss, nostalgia and memory.

The curatorial note, already up, explains what all these various objects seek to do collectively: help create a

"tactile, layered and visually compelling" encounter that enables visitors to "pause, think and respond" to Partition.

Un. Divided Identities, which has been conceptualised and curated by Bengaluru-based ReReeti, was introduced as a digital exhibition back in 2022, says Tejshvi Jain, the organisation's founder-director. According to her, this exhibition focusing on lesser-known stories about the Partition came up because, "whatever is known about the Partition in textbooks is the political version". To make it relatable to young people, however, "it has to have a personal connect, not a political one," believes Tejshvi, adding that the exhibition sought to bridge the gap between the political and the personal.

This interactive, choice-based exhibition, conceived in partnership with the British Council and Glasgow Life Museums and co-created with eight young people of South Asian descent, located in both India and Glasgow, enabled viewers to step into the lives of Partition survivors, virtually experiencing the hard choices and collective trauma they endured.

Additionally, because the Partition story could not be told only from India's perspective, ReReeti partnered with schools in India, Pakistan and Bangladesh and did workshops on how to conduct and document oral history interviews.

"So suddenly history became alive and interesting. It went beyond just facts, dates and events and became more people's stories, more personal and more relevant to them," she says, pointing out that these students' oral interviews fed into the main narrative.

Now, three years later, *Un. Divided Identities* has been re-imagined as a physical, experiential space. Designed by Aditi Dhamija, in collaboration with the Bangalore International Centre, the exhibition allows visitors to physically experience the weight of this mass migration event, which affected nearly 14 million people.

"The content is the same, but the way we have interpreted it is different," says Tejshvi, who believes that having it in the physical format helps create a space for communities where communication can happen, which is "missing in the digital format."

And in an age where "this question of borders keeps coming up", having physical spaces for these conversations are essential since it allows young people to "broaden their vision, absorb, see the multiple perspectives, analyse and then come to their own judgement," explains Tejshvi. After all, "everything going on in today's world is deeply rooted in history," she says. "It never leaves you."

Un. Divided Identities will be on show at BIC till August 10, between 11 am and 8 pm.

STEPOUT

Music and verse

Mukti – Liberation in Song, a performance juxtaposing live performances of classical and folk compositions in multiple languages, with immersive narration, spotlighting the rich tapestry of Indian poetry will be held.

At Bangalore International Centre, August 14, from 7 pm onwards. Entry is free

Celebrating movement

Samarpana, an evening of dance, by the Attakkalari Centre for Movement Arts in collaboration with the Polish Institute, New Delhi, marking the former's silver jubilee will be staged.

At the Bangalore International Centre (BIC), Domlur, on August 8, from 6.30pm. Entry free.

The craft connect

Karigar Bazaar is bringing together artisans hailing from 26 states and union territories of India, including Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Gujarat, this weekend.

At Jayamahal Palace Hotel, from August 9 to 17, between 11 am and 8 pm. Entry fee ₹50. For more details, contact 87883 49654.

Time for action

The Reserve Bank of India did well to pause rate cuts amid the uncertainties

The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Monetary Policy Committee was sensible to pause its rate cuts, as announced on Wednesday. RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra rightly pointed out that the uncertainties surrounding tariffs are still evolving, and that the 100 bps of rate cuts implemented since February 2025 are still percolating through the system. Mr. Malhotra's statement was made before U.S. President Donald Trump approved an additional 25% tariff on imports from India, over and above the existing 25% reciprocal tariffs. However, his assessment that the matter is far from over was nevertheless accurate. India is still in the process of negotiating a Bilateral Trade Agreement with the U.S., and the final tariffs are far from decided. In the meantime, Mr. Trump has already indicated that similar additional tariffs – "penalties" for buying oil from Russia – may be imposed on other countries as well, which will impact India's comparative advantage. Leaving room for another rate cut later in the year when things might be clearer, thus, was the sensible thing to do. The other broad reason why the pause makes sense is that it allows the RBI to see whether such monetary measures are working. A 100 bps cumulative cut in rates over the last six months is significant, and the banking system needs time to pass that on to borrowers. The Governor also pointed out that there is ample liquidity in the system, which means the banks have the money to lend.

The question, however, is whether there is enough growth-related borrowing happening. RBI data show that, as of end-June, loans to purchase consumer durables had contracted about 3% compared to the previous year. Growth in housing loans slowed sharply to 9.6% from 36% a year earlier, while vehicle loans too slowed by five percentage points over the last year. In line with this subdued demand outlook, companies too seem to be slowing their borrowing. Loans to industry grew 5.5% in June 2025, down from 8.1% in June last year. Simply reducing rates, therefore, is not enough and that is something the Governor alluded to when he said stronger policy frameworks "across domains, and not just limited to monetary policy", would be pivotal in achieving India's growth potential. The government has to intervene in a more focused manner than just increasing capital expenditure across the board. A lot can be done through tax. The Goods and Services Tax rate rationalisation, that was promised several times, is long overdue. A reduction in fuel prices in line with lower oil prices, too, will lift consumer sentiment. The RBI can, for the moment, afford to wait things out. The government does not have this luxury.

Mending ties

India and the Philippines are showing intent in improving their relations

The state visit of Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. to India that ends on Friday, and his meetings with Prime Minister Narendra Modi provided a hard power edge to the two countries, with historical-cultural ties between them, by signing a Strategic Partnership Agreement. On his first visit to India since taking office in 2022, Mr. Marcos has taken a strong position against Chinese incursions in the West Philippine Sea, and has been keen to engage India more closely. Coinciding with his visit, the Indian Navy held its first joint maritime exercises with the Philippine Navy in the South China Sea area. The drills were criticised by China. India has consistently supported the 2016 UNCLOS tribunal arbitration award in favour of the Philippines, calling on China to respect the multilateral order in the Indo-Pacific, and Mr. Marcos appreciated this. Moreover, while India has signed dozens of such Partnership Agreements worldwide, for the Philippines, India is only its fifth Strategic Partner – after Japan, Vietnam, Australia, and South Korea. The Philippines is also the first export destination for the BrahMos missile, and Mr. Marcos is understood to have expressed interest in buying more Indian military hardware. The two sides signed agreements to enhance strategic cooperation, including an exchange of Terms of Reference for all three services and the Coast Guard. They also agreed to free up visas and begin direct flights. There is no substantial bilateral trade at present – $3.3 billion in 2024-25 – but investments are growing as technology and pharma companies have tied up in many areas.

The Marcos-Modi meetings sent out a more comprehensive message for India's ties with South East Asia. The Philippines is the incoming chair for ASEAN in 2026, and the coordinator for the ASEAN-India comprehensive strategic partnership. The invitation to Mr. Marcos was also a way of easing relations that have been riled by Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal's unnecessarily abrasive remarks in June, where he called many ASEAN countries the "B-team of China", and mocked the 2009 ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA). The government has since moved to fast-track talks to revise the AITIGA, with talks in Delhi next week. India and the Philippines have separately discussed launching talks for a Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA), indicating India's intention to keep negotiating for a more liberalised trade regime globally even as it faces the brunt of the U.S.'s tariffs and penalties. The visit is a reminder that India's interest in peace and security in the Indo-Pacific is not restricted to the Quad grouping, and that it is mindful of strengthening ties with all the countries in the region, especially as it essays the current geopolitical turbulence with bigger global powers.

The Bihar migrant worker, a Scylla-Charybdis moment

In the 'Odyssey', a major epic in Greek mythology, King Odysseus had to navigate between the dangers of Scylla, a monster residing in a rock, and Charybdis, a monster embodying deadly whirlpools. In the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the Bihar electoral rolls initiated by the Election Commission of India (ECI), many migrant labour whose names have been dropped from the draft electoral roll are facing a similar predicament.

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The term 'ordinarily resident'

The electoral rolls are prepared by the ECI, as in the provisions of the Representation of the People (RP) Act, 1950. Section 19 of the RP Act requires that a person must be 'ordinarily resident' in a constituency for inclusion in its electoral roll. The requirement of being 'ordinarily resident' for inclusion in the electoral roll is to ensure that the voter maintains real ties with the constituency that preserves representative accountability. It is also aimed at preventing fraudulent registrations.

Section 20 provides the meaning of the term 'ordinarily resident'. It specifies that a person shall not be deemed to be 'ordinarily resident' in a constituency only because he/she owns or possesses a dwelling house therein. However, a person temporarily absent from his/her place of residence shall continue to be 'ordinarily resident' therein. Section 20A was added in 2010 to enable Non-Resident Indians who have moved out of India even for the long term, to register and vote in the constituency in which their address given in the passport is located.

The ECI has classified electors who were not found in their residence or did not submit the enumeration forms as part of the SIR process as 'permanently shifted/not found' and excluded them from the draft electoral roll.

Article 19(1)(e) of the Constitution guarantees every citizen a fundamental right to reside and settle in any part of the territory of India. It follows that any citizen has the right to shift his/her vote to their new place of residence anywhere in India if they so desire.

The issue arises in respect of migrant labourers. The Periodic Labour Force Survey of 2020-21 estimated that around 11% of India's population migrated due to employment-related reasons. This translates to close to 15 crore voters being migrant labour within or outside their States. Most labourers, short-term or long-term, migrate due to the lack of opportunities in their region. Many migrant construction and security workers also migrate alone (without family). They live in temporary shacks/residences at their place of work and move from one location to another, within a State or even in different States, as part of their work. They return to their home State at regular intervals and exercise their right to vote from the place where their families live and properties exist.

> The issues around the disenfranchisement of migrant voters are complex, which the Supreme Court must consider when it passes its orders

The Gauhati High Court, in *Election Commission Of India & Anr vs Dr. Manmohan Singh & Ors* (1999), indicated that the term 'ordinarily resident' shall mean a habitual resident of that place. It must be permanent in character and not temporary or casual. It must be a place where the person has the intention of dwelling there permanently. A reasonable man must accept him/her as a resident of that place. While migrant labourers may not be residing permanently in their native constituency, the philosophy behind being 'ordinarily resident' – in the opinion of the courts – is broadly fulfilled with respect to that residence for such migrant workers.

Legality versus realpolitik

The ECI maintains that under the RP Act, migrants who have shifted out of their native State/constituency can register as an elector in their new place of residence. Many migrants are anyway not keen to shift their vote. They may not have any document other than an Aadhaar card in their new place of residence (which is not in the list of eligible documents for fresh voter registration under the SIR process). Further, it can be challenged whether they fulfil the conditions of being 'ordinarily resident', as laid down by the courts, with respect to the new residence.

Keeping those legal arguments aside, the political issues on the ground in the in-migration States that they reside in cannot be overlooked. Regional political parties in such States have already begun raising issues about the possible inclusion of migrants in the electoral roll of their States. They object to it on the ground that this would vitiate the democratic process since these migrant labourers are not permanent settlers in their States.

They argue that migrants do not understand the political issues in their States and, hence, should not be allowed to vote in these elections. While it may be argued that migrants can be included in the rolls of in-migration States *de jure*, it could potentially result in their de facto disenfranchisement due to the social and political issues in their place of work. The Supreme Court of India should take these factors into consideration while passing its orders in the cases linked to the SIR.

Towards a fair and inclusive process

In India we accept election results where almost 50% voters in many metropolises do not step out of their houses to vote in booths which are less than 500 metres from their residence. Most non-resident Indians, who have the right to vote, do not exercise their franchise as they are unable to come to their constituency on the day of elections.

While these arguments can be made for the case of inclusion of migrant labourers in their original place of residence, it cannot be an alibi for the lack of their participation in elections. Steps such as ensuring strict enforcement of statutory holiday on the day of polling as well as the running of more special buses and trains can effectively increase the participation of migrants in the electoral process within a State. With respect to inter-State migrant voters, the ECI had developed a pilot of Multi Constituency Remote Electronic Voting Machine (RVM) that could handle up to 72 constituencies. It had planned a demonstration of the same to recognised political parties in January 2023. However, this was short lived following concerns raised by political parties as well as administrative challenges. With the advent of newer technologies, robust and secure methods (acceptable to all stakeholders), for remote voting should be feasible. Until this happens, steps such as enabling more train and other transportation services as well as incentives for a few additional days of paid leave for travel can be explored to ensure more electoral participation by migrant voters.

Parliament, which represents the will of the people, should also consider suitable amendments to the RP Act to preserve the choice of migrant labourers with respect to their place of voting.

The views expressed are personal

World court's advisory opinion boosts climate action

In light of the existential threat posed by climate change, the International Court of Justice (ICJ), also known as the World Court, delivered a landmark advisory opinion on the obligations of states concerning climate change. Advisory opinions, while not technically binding, are regarded as authoritative interpretations of international law by the World Court. They can influence the behaviour of states by generating international pressure. A notable example is the United Kingdom's handover of the Chagos Islands to Mauritius, which followed the advisory opinion on the matter.

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States cannot ignore their duties

The World Court unanimously ruled that states have legal obligations to protect the climate system and clarified the consequences for failing to meet these obligations. Recently, other international courts, such as the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), have also recognised significant responsibilities for states in addressing climate change. This issue transcends politics; states cannot ignore their duties.

This advisory opinion is noteworthy in many aspects. First and foremost, the court has interpreted all climate treaties, including the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Kyoto Protocol, and the Paris Agreement, in a seamless manner, along with the best available scientific consensus, to strengthen the operation of many of the treaty provisions. For example, the Paris Agreement aims to limit the increase in global average temperatures to "well below 2°C" and "pursue efforts" to limit it to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels. However, the court used current scientific consensus as well as subsequent conference of parties (COP) decisions to hold that 1.5°C is the relevant threshold that states must work towards. Similarly, the Paris Agreement requires parties to prepare their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), which outline the climate actions they plan to take. However, the court rejected the argument that states had unfettered discretion in preparing their NDCs and that NDCs did not create any legally binding obligations on states. It held that, due to their duty of due diligence and cooperation, states must ensure that their NDCs reflect their 'highest possible' ambition and must proactively take measures that are reasonably capable of meeting those NDCs.

> The decision has major implications for the Global North-South divide and climate justice

The decision also has significant implications for the Global North-South divide and climate justice, with the court highlighting the importance of the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities (CBDR-RC). Accordingly, the standard for assessing countries' climate actions would depend on factors such as historical emissions, level of development, and current national circumstances. The court also explained the duties of cooperation and assistance, and clarified that developed countries have a legally binding obligation to provide financial resources and technology transfer to developing countries for both mitigation and adaptation. While the Paris Agreement does not specify a specific level of financial support, the court observed that this obligation must be interpreted in light of the overall temperature goal and subsequent agreements. Breach of this obligation can be assessed against a standard of good faith and due diligence.

Self-contained regime

Notably, the court rejected the argument of some countries, including India, that the climate treaties constituted a self-contained regime and that the principles and rules of general international law and environmental law were inapplicable. The court identified obligations to mitigate climate change, including the duty of due diligence, the duty to prevent significant harm to the climate system, and the duty to cooperate in protecting the climate, stemming from various environmental treaties, the Law of the Sea Convention, and uncodified customary international law. The court also noted the adverse effects of climate change on various human rights, particularly the rights of especially vulnerable peoples, which must be taken into account by countries when taking climate action. In practice, this means that withdrawal from climate treaties, as the United States has done, does not exempt a country from its climate-related obligations. It also means that, in working toward a green transition, countries must ensure that human rights are not violated and that a just transition is achieved.

The court dismissed the argument that countries cannot be held individually responsible for violating these obligations, because proving causation and attribution is difficult. It pointed out that it is scientifically possible to determine each state's total contribution to global emissions, considering both historical and current emissions.

This is leverage for the Global South

It is noteworthy that the small island-states, which face an existential threat due to climate change, were the ones that pushed the UN General Assembly to request this advisory opinion. This is a significant legal victory for them and will strengthen their efforts to hold major emitters accountable and push for more ambitious action. This decision is likely to bolster the ongoing strategic litigation concerning climate change in various countries, where the climate actions taken by the countries have been challenged as insufficient and violative of human rights, including the Ridhima Pandey case pending before the Indian Supreme Court. Countries in the Global South, such as India, can leverage this decision to collectively pressure developed nations to better fulfil their commitments to climate finance and technology transfer, while resisting policies that disproportionately impact developing countries.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

More tariffs

For the U.S. President, friendship with India seems to be substantially different from his presidential decisions (Front page, August 7). For all the bonhomie with New Delhi, the U.S. continues to treat India as a secondary power. India may have to accept that Mr. Trump will arm-twist countries to force them to fall in line with his policies. If New Delhi can get the tariff hike postponed it would give it elbow room to manoeuvre.

A.V. Narayanan,
Chennai

Is the U.S. trying to derail India's economic standing? Mere expressions of verbal protest are not enough. The Government of India must respond firmly and decisively. Continued silence could have severe consequences, particularly for Indian businesses.

Gulam Rabbani,
Bajpatti, Sitamarhi, Bihar

While India and the U.S. share a strategic partnership built on mutual respect and shared values, this sort of punitive trade action risks prioritising business interests over the spirit of friendship. The U.S. should choose dialogue that honours both economic realities and the deepening bond between the two nations.

Anush D'Cunha S.J.,
Thiruvananthapuram

Nature's warning

The 'cloudburst' that wreaked havoc in Uttarkashi's Dharali and Sukhi Top areas is a reminder of the Himalayan region's vulnerability to extreme weather events. The message is clear. The region desperately needs transformation, from reactive responses to proactive resilience building. Only through such an approach can we protect the Himalayan communities while also preserving this ecosystem for future generations.

R. Sivakumar,
Chennai

Deletions, gender disparity

How can the Election Commission of India (ECI) ensure free and fair elections in Bihar when there are major issues with deletions and omissions in the electoral rolls?The ECI finds itself in a catch-22 situation. Its actions, once unquestionable, are being questioned by the Opposition and the judiciary. It will be a disaster if the ECI's responses to the Supreme Court's candid observations are not met with concrete replies, evidence and action (Data point, August 7).

Balasubramaniam Pavani,
Secunderabad

On the tomato

I write this letter as former Director, Regional Institute of Ophthalmology and Government Ophthalmic Hospital, Chennai. The article, "The virtues of tomato, a healthy vegetable" ('Science' page, July 27), was descriptive in terms of the health benefits of consuming tomatoes. But as a health-care provider, it is my duty to issue caution against some negative factors in this angel vegetable. Consumption in excess can lead to side-effects in certain individuals. These include acid reflux, allergies, digestive issues and potential kidney problems due to high potassium content. Being rich in calcium and oxalates, the tomato can induce kidney stone formation. The tomato is a nutritious gift from mother nature, but moderation is the key for good health.

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Should there be a ceiling on salaries of top management?

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After Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) announced its decision to lay-off 12,000 employees, Nasscom (National Association of Software and Service Companies) said that the tech industry is at an "inflection point" due to the increasing integration of AI and automation into core business operations. Meanwhile, the All India Professionals' Congress (AIPC), in conjunction with IT employee unions and forums, is pursuing strategies to address the issue of lay-offs in the IT sector. It plans to raise this matter in Parliament, advocating for a policy that would cap the pay disparity between top leadership and average employees. Should there be a ceiling on salaries of top management? Praveen Chakravarty and Sridhar Kundu discuss the question in a conversation moderated by **A.M. Jigeesh.** Edited excerpts:

TCS, the fourth largest employer in the country, is laying-off about 12,000 senior employees from the company. In a statement on social media, the AIPC leadership spoke of the huge disparity in salaries in companies such as TCS. Can more jobs be saved by bringing about parity in salaries?

Praveen Chakravarty: AI will first be an attack on the massive pay disparity between the top management and average employee and bring enormous pressure to reduce that gap. With AI, we are realising that skills that what we thought were skills of the high end of the workforce are in fact automatable and being made redundant. AI is not taking away the jobs of barbers, gardeners, or plumbers. AI is saying, 'If you are a hedge fund analyst, you are not needed'; ' if you are the CEO of a company, you are redundant.' So, in this context, how can one possibly justify a 350-500 times ratio of CEO or top leadership pay to median employee pay in a company? In TCS, the CEO's pay is about 325 times the salary of the median employee. And that is actually among the lowest in IT. In Infosys, the ratio is 850; in Wipro, it is 600. This ratio was perhaps 40-50 times in the 1960s and the 1970s.

Sridhar Kundu: The World Bank's recent report said that inequality has come down in India. In India, we don't have reliable income data. There are several agencies who put out some kind of data, but the authenticity of these data can be challenged. The Periodic Labour Force Survey report, published by the government, doesn't highlight the wage gap across sectors. If you examine the microdata in detail, you will see that the inequality of wages as measured by standard deviation is higher for salaried employees compared to the self-employed. Wage inequality across sectors is persistent. The policy of minimising wage inequality via wage cut policy at the top level would reduce the average wage rate. Globally, the average wage rate in India is less compared to many developing countries such as China and the Philippines. In this context, I am pessimistic about the argument that a decrease in the wage gap can create employment opportunities in a sector. The upper limit wage fixation as a solution to inequality reduction and additional employment generation raises a few questions, though the truth behind this hypothesis is not clear to anyone. First, in a competitive labour market, can the private sector retain the quality labour force by fixing an upper wage limit? Second, can the government intervene by fixing a wage rate in the private sector? Third, is government intervention in fixing wages admissible by the private sector?

A man walks past a logo of TCS in Mumbai. REUTERS

Companies are arguing during lay-offs that the skill sets of retrenched employees were becoming obsolete. Can someone save their job by enhancing their skill sets?

PC: I don't know why we still use phrases like skill enhancement. It is time to smell the coffee. This is not about skill enhancement. The so-called highest skills are the ones that have been automated and have been taken away. If anything, AI is telling us what the true essential services are; what we all refer to as 'menial jobs'. AI is restoring dignity of labour. So I think the whole idea that skilled upgradation is the solution is completely flawed.

As the chairman of the AIPC, I can tell you there are 2-3 very concrete policy suggestions or ideas that we are coming up with. We will take these to both the IT Minister and to the chairperson of SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India). One of them will be about the ratio of pay disparity. For example, should there be a ceiling on the ratio of pay? I'm not saying everybody should have equal pay. But is there excess? Let us say there can be a policy idea that for all publicly listed companies, the ratio should be around 40-50 times, not 800 times. Is this idea bizarre? Will it destroy corporate India, as is the concern? Will it destroy productivity?

> IPL has a ceiling. The National Football League has a ratio and pay cap ceiling. Sports teams are still very competitive and their talent is thriving. So this notion that meritocracy and productivity will be impacted by a ceiling is exaggerated.
> PRAVEEN CHAKRAVARTY

Let us take the most meritocratic professions in the world, which is sports. Do you know all sports leagues have a player cap ceiling? IPL (Indian Premier League) has a ceiling. Virat Kohli may be the best IPL player, but they don't say he can get paid whatever he wants and that the market will provide it. The National Football League, the largest sports league in the world by revenue, has a ratio and pay cap ceiling. Sports leagues have their ceilings, and they have shown these have worked very well. Sports teams are still very competitive and their talent is thriving. So this notion that meritocracy and productivity will be impacted by a ceiling is somewhat exaggerated. The current ratio, going up to 800 times, is obscene, ugly, and abominable. So can I think, 50 times? Perhaps. Can that help save jobs? Yes. And this is a short-term solution while we figure out how we deal with labour market disruptions in the long run.

SK: When a sector grows, the growth of employment opportunities in that sector should follow the same direction. In India, the service sector has shown a substantial growth rate over the last few years. So, the lay-off in this sector is a little surprising. We may see this issue in a different context. India is a labour-surplus economy. Management of any organisation sees labour as a low-hanging fruit, and for any reason or sometimes none at all, it can fire labour with or without notice. For the service sector, there is a high substitution of technology for labour. Any adoption of new technology finds new reasons to lay-off surplus labour. This may not be the complete picture for the present lay-off, but it can be a possibility. Whatever may be the reason, if the labour lay-off continues, it might impact growth in the long run.

Are there any policy suggestions to address this crisis?

SK: Government intervention is important. AI has an important role in the service sector. The sector employs technologically efficient and educated people. AI can be a challenge for them. So we have to see where the government can intervene. This labour cannot be absorbed into the agricultural sector because these people are not going to add value to current agricultural practices. They cannot to be absorbed into government schemes such as MGNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Employment Guarantee Act) or any other kind of informal sector scheme. So, in that case, government intervention is quite important. Governments can improve self-employment activity. This has increased, according to Periodic Labour Force Surveys, so some kind of absorption of labour can take place in that category.

PC: There are several employee forums and unions in the IT sector that have reached out to the AIPC. Several more have reached out after my comments about the TCS situation. So I see a distinct effort in the direction towards collectivisation, mobilisation, and collective bargaining powers in the IT sector.

Our job as the principal Opposition party, the Congress, it is to speak up for justice for the affected employees. But we are not here to argue against lay-offs or against a company's need to retrench or to downsize depending on business situations. I want be very clear about that. That is why I said this is far more nuanced. We are not an activist, Leftist organisation saying there can be no lay-offs. Our nuanced approach is to look at the huge disparity in pay between the top leadership and the median employee in the service sector, specifically in the IT sector and in financial services. Second, we will be launching a series of stakeholder consultations regarding the draft proposal, which could include ideas such as what Bill Gates had talked about, say, a decade ago – a robot tax. Could there be tax that could be used as basic income or welfare for some of these affected employees? These are all just ideas at this point in time.

Labour is a State subject, so while we will try and persuade the Union government to take this issue up, we are discussing this with Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy on what to do as Hyderabad is a very big IT centre. We will soon speak to the Karnataka Chief Minister as well.

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NOTEBOOK

A suffering that doesn't end

After several trials and tribulations, the victims of the Malegaon and Mumbai blast cases are left with a sense of hopelessness and pain

Vinaya Deshpande Pandit

As journalists, we have the privilege and the responsibility of witnessing and writing the first draft of history. We rush in to locations where others desperately try to move away from – the sites of terror attacks, fires, accidents, and other disasters. Though the passion to keep telling stories keeps us going, big tragedies leave us with scars that sometimes take years to heal.

The Mumbai blasts of 2006 and the Malegaon blasts of 2008 are tragedies that the people of Maharashtra will never forget. Hearing the two court judgments in these cases over the last few weeks, I immediately remembered the struggles and flickering hope of some of the victims, and the resilience of the accused.

In July 2010, Mumbai was observing the fourth anniversary of the serial blasts that had ripped through trains on July 11, 2006, killing 189 people and injuring over 800. Just days earlier, the media had been barred from entering the courtroom to cover the trial. I was getting ready to go to a hospital, where victims of the blasts had gathered. Many of them were agitated that the government had not been able to nab the accused, who had allegedly gone to Pakistan. They were also struggling to cope with medical expenses, failing health, and the impact of the injuries caused by the blasts.

One of them was Rajesh Jha. His eardrums had been damaged due to the impact of the blast. The nerves on his left hand had been permanently damaged. Yet, Jha remained surprisingly positive. My brief interaction with him stayed with me for years. Later, Rajesh called to tell me that he had undergone a surgery and had become a chartered accountant.

That was also the time when Parag Sawant had become a symbol of the tragedy. Sawant was going home in a Virar-bound local train in 2006, when a bomb exploded in his compartment at Mira Road station. Sawant's wife Priti Sawant was pregnant at the time. Sawant had been lying comatose for four years at a hospital and opened his eyes in 2010. His wife said that she was very happy that he recognised her. But this was not a story that ended well – nine years after the blasts, Sawant succumbed to his injuries.

While the victims' stories spoke of the senselessness of the tragedy, the trial moved at a snail's pace. In 2015, one of the accused, Ehtesham Siddique, was given the death sentence by a trial court. He was acquitted by the Bombay High Court recently. Every time I walked into court, I would hear that Siddique had filed a fresh Right to Information (RTI) application. Siddique filed hundreds of RTIs seeking to know whether the officer who had conducted the identification parade was authorised to do so, information on the log book entries of the vehicles cited in the probe, call detail records of the accused, and so on. He sought writing material and enrolled himself in educational courses. Siddiqui also wrote a memoir about the blasts and how he was falsely implicated, titled Horror Saga. Eventually, it was due to the efforts of Siddique and others, who relentlessly filed RTIs, that the prosecution's case collapsed. The Anti-Terrorism Squad had to admit to the Bombay High Court that it did not have the call detail records, a crucial piece of evidence. Can anything compensate Siddique and others for the loss of the years that they spent in jail?

I also remember the frustration and agitation of a senior public prosecutor who was asked to "go soft" on the accused of the 2008 Malegaon blasts, including former MP Sadhvi Pragya Singh. While some of the accused in the Mumbai train blasts case had alleged that they had been tortured in prison, the senior public prosecutor said that a few of the accused in the Malegaon case threw tantrums in jail, refusing to let the staff touch them for routine examinations. Some accused are more equal than others.

After all these trials and tribulations, the victims feel nothing but a sense of hopelessness and pain today. Covering their stories, one cannot help but feel their frustration as well.

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PICTURE OF THE WEEK

Remembering horrors of the past

Small bonfires commemorate the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park in Japan, on August 5. On August 6 and 9, 1945, the United States dropped atomic bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, bringing unprecedented devastation and leading to the end of World War II. GETTY IMAGES

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FIFTY YEARS AGO AUGUST 8, 1975

'Most of Soviet-aided units earn profits'

New Delhi, Aug. 7: A majority of the Soviet-aided industrial projects in India now earn profits, says Mr. Kuznetsov, the Soviet Economic Counsellor in Delhi. More than 70 industrial and other projects have been or are being built with Soviet economic co-operation in various parts of the country. These include basic industries like ferrous and non-ferrous metallurgy, machine-building, oil extraction and refining, power generation and power equipment, coal mines, drugs and pharmaceuticals and precision instruments. In an interview on the occasion of the fourth anniversary of the Indo-Soviet Treaty of Peace, Friendship and Co-operation, Mr. Kuznetsov noted how five projects among them had contributed Rs. 70 crores in net profit during 1974-75. Of the five, the Bhilal steel plant alone gives a profit of Rs. 10 lakhs each day, Mr. Kuznetsov said. The other projects are Koyali and Barauni oil refineries (each earning an annual profit of Rs. seven crores), Oil and Natural Gas Commission (Rs 23 crores a year) and the Instrumentation Limited at Kotsh (Rs. 1.5 crores to Rs. two crores per annum).

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO AUGUST 8, 1925

Bombay corporation

Bombay, Aug. 7: With reference to the boycott resolution passed by the Bombay Municipal Corporation in March 1923, Mr. Clayton, the Municipal Commissioner, made enquiries regarding the treatment of Indians in New Zealand and Wellington, and in reply, the Minister of Customs in New Zealand authoritatively states that His Majesty's Indian subjects in the Dominion enjoy (with one exception) all the rights and privileges of citizenship, without any distinction whatever.

From Page One

Elections stolen, alleges Rahul; EC seeks proof

The Congress leader used the alleged example of Mahadevapura Assembly segment to double down on his earlier claim that "the 2024 Lok Sabha elections were rigged", repeating that Prime Minister Narendra Modi "needed to steal only 25 seats to remain in power in 2024". He added: "The judiciary needs to get involved in this because the democracy that we love so much does not exist."

"I want the nation to know that there is a huge criminal fraud being perpetrated on this country. It is being done by the Election Commission and the party in power and we have given you undoubtable proof," Mr. Gandhi said.

"If the Election Commission now does not give us electronic voter data of the last 10 to 15 years, and if it does not share the CCTV footage, they are partaking in the crime," he added.

'Fake addresses, duplicate voters'

Explaining how and why the Congress undertook a six-month-long investigation, he said the party's internal survey had predicted a win in 16 Lok Sabha seats in Karnataka. But when it won only nine seats, the party decided to do a deep dive into one of the seven "unexpected" losses and focussed on the Bangalore Central seat, he said.

For instance, Mr. Gandhi claimed in his presentation that Gurkeerat Singh Dang was registered as a voter in four different booths, with four separate electoral photo identity card [EPIC] numbers. The name of another voter Aditya Srivastava was on the rolls of Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh, Mumbai in Maharashtra, and Bengaluru in Karnataka.

'Submit data under oath'

Asking Mr. Gandhi to submit his evidence under oath, the Karnataka CEO said, "You are kindly requested to sign and return the enclosed declaration/oath under Rule 20(3)(b) of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, along with the name(s) of such elector(s) so that necessary proceedings can be initiated."

The U.P. CEO has denied that Mr. Srivastava was enrolled as a voter in the State, while the Maharashtra CEO also wrote to Mr. Gandhi, asking him to make his claim under oath.

(With inputs from Sreeparna Chakrabarty in New Delhi and Vinaya Deshpande Pandit in Mumbai)

Modi vows to protect farmers amid FTA talks

The Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM), an umbrella body of several farmers' organisations, had demanded that the Centre must table the details of negotiations in Parliament and the agreement should not be signed without the House's approval.

The Prime Minister said Indian agriculture had reached great heights, and it was certain that wherever Dr. Swaminathan may be, he would be proud of the accomplishments. "Today, Bharat ranks first in the production of milk, pulses, and jute. Bharat is second in the production of rice, wheat, cotton, fruits, and vegetables. Bharat is also the world's second-largest producer of fish. Last year, Bharat recorded its highest-ever food grain production. We are also setting new records in oilseeds. The production of soybean, mustard, and groundnut has risen to record levels," Mr. Modi said.

First Award

The Prime Minister presented the first M.S. Swaminathan Annual Award for Food and Peace to Nigerian scientist Ademola A. Adenle. Congratulating Prof. Adenle, Mr. Modi said if there is a crisis of food, then there is a crisis of life. "And when the lives of lakhs are at risk, global unrest naturally follows. This is why the M.S. Swaminathan Award for Food and Peace is of utmost importance," he said, terming Prof. Adenle a talented scientist.

Trump non-committal on lifting extra tariffs

Also, on Wednesday, Mr. Trump's special envoy Steve Witkoff met with Mr. Putin on Wednesday.

Mr. Trump was taking questions at an event at the White House with Apple CEO Tim Cook, where Apple's plans of investing a further $100 billion in the U.S. were announced. The President said he would be imposing a tariff of approximately 100% on computer chips and semiconductors made outside the U.S.

Talks 'productive'

Mr. Trump described the talks as "productive" and said he did not know if the additional tariffs on India had anything to do with this.

"And as you know, we put a 50% tariff on India on oil. They're the second largest [purchaser of Russian oil]. They're very close to China in terms of the purchase of oil from Russia. So, I don't know if that had anything to do with it, but we've had very productive talks today," he said.

After imposing additional tariffs on India for trading in arms and energy with Russia, the U.S. President said other countries could follow suit, suggesting China by name as a possibility.

Asked why he was "singling India out" for additional tariffs, Mr. Trump said, "It's only been eight hours. So let's see what happens over the... You're going to see a lot more. You're going to see so much secondary sanctions."

A day after Trump's 'Russian oil' tariffs, Doval meets Putin

National Security Adviser says plans for the Russian President's visit to India 'almost finalised'; hails the 'strategic and special partnership' with Russia during a 'tumultuous situation' in the world

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval met Russian President Vladimir Putin in Kremlin on Thursday, officials here confirmed. Sources hinted at the significance of the meeting as it was held a day after U.S. President Donald Trump imposed additional tariffs on India, citing continued purchase of Russian oil by Indian entities.

The meeting between Vladimir Putin and Ajit Doval has added significance in the context of the Trump tariffs on India. REUTERS

Earlier, speaking to Russian Security Council Secretary Sergei Shoigu, Mr. Doval said that plans for Mr. Putin's India visit were "almost finalised". During his exchanges, the NSA thanked Russia for supporting India after the Pahalgam terrorist attack on April 22, and said India's "strategic and special partnership" with Russia was of enhanced importance as the world is passing through a "tumultuous situation".

"We have got a very special relationship and long relationship and we highly value our strategic partnership. We have had high-level engagements and these high-level engagements have contributed very substantially. We are very excited to learn about the visit of His Excellency President Putin to India, I think the dates are almost finalised now," said Mr. Doval in his meeting with Mr. Shoigu. The Russian side, in a statement, said the two teams discussed bilateral cooperation in "multilateral formats and exchanged views on topical issues of international security".

In a preparatory interaction on Wednesday, Indian Ambassador to Russia Vinay Kumar sat down with Russia's Deputy Defence Minister Colonel General Aleksandr Fomin and discussed bilateral cooperation in defence-related matters. Russian Defence Ministry said in a statement that India-Russia military relationship will be "further strengthened" in the coming months. Ambassador Kumar accompanied Mr. Doval in the meeting with President Putin.

The two sides have been in discussions since the beginning of the year to firm up the details of President Putin's visit to India. Mr. Putin last visited India on December 6, 2021, when India hosted the annual summit meeting at Hyderabad House. Two-and-a-half months later, on February 24, 2022, he ordered the "special military operation" against Ukraine which started the conflict that has lingered ever since.

"The more important thing is that the summit meetings have always been a watershed points. They have always given a new direction to our relationship," said Mr. Doval to Mr. Shoigu conveying India's readiness to host the President.

On EC fraud claims, BJP accuses Rahul of 'selective outrage'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Sambit Patra

The Bharatiya Janata Party on Thursday accused Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi of showing "selective outrage", stating that his allegation about "large-scale" electoral roll fraud was a sign of "frustration and election rage".

'Larger conspiracy'

Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said Mr. Gandhi had completely lost his "composure in the agony of losing power". "The ideologically hollow Congress party is systematically attacking constitutional institutions. It cannot be ruled out that there is a larger conspiracy against India's democracy and Constitution behind this calculated deceit. After all, their family's history is also filled with the dark chapter of the 'Emergency'," he posted on X.

Mr. Pradhan said by attacking the Election Commission, the Congress leader was insulting the discerning decision of the public, which was universally accepted in a democracy. "Where was Rahul Gandhi when the EC invited every party to file complaints regarding the SIR [Special Intensive Revision] in Bihar?" he asked.

At a press conference, BJP MP and spokesperson Sambit Patra said Mr. Gandhi was displaying "selective outrage" as he never made such accusations with respect to the States where his party won. "When they got 99 seats in the Lok Sabha election, the Congress celebrated all over the country. They did not allege the EC was compromised," he said.

SC dismisses HC judge's challenge, holds that in-house inquiry procedure has legal sanction

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday held that an in-house inquiry procedure that led to a recommendation to remove Justice Yashwant Varma, an Allahabad High Court judge on whose residential premises sacks of burnt currency was found after a fire, has legal sanction and is a "stitch in time" to keep the judiciary pure and clean.

A Bench of Justices Dipankar Datta and A.G. Masih dismissed Justice Varma's plea that the in-house inquiry report forwarded by former Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna in May would have more than a "persuasive value" and would sound the death knell for him during the Parliament's motion to remove him.

Justice Varma, represented by senior advocate Kapil Sibal, had termed the in-house procedure an "extra-constitutional mechanism" which violated Parliament's exclusive authority to remove a High Court judge.

He had argued that Articles 124(5) and 218 of the Constitution, coupled with provisions of the Judges (Inquiry) Act, was a "comprehensive and complete code" to remove a judge for "proved misbehaviour"

Justice Yashwant Varma

in office.

Justice Datta rejected the claim raised by Justice Varma that the Members of the Parliament would now be influenced by the adverse in-house inquiry report against him.

"Report or no report, recommendation or no recommendation, whatever is the case, the Parliament's power to initiate proceedings for removal of a judge for alleged misbehaviour or incapacity remains unfettered. Even though there could be a case where good grounds for initiation of proceedings do exist, the Parliament may in its wisdom elect not to go ahead to initiate proceedings for removal," Justice Datta reasoned.

Justice Datta, who authored the 57-page judgment, said the Parliament could also choose not to remove a judge despite a "strong indication" that he or she had misbehaved.

The top court held that the legal sanction for the in-house procedure has come from multiple Supreme Court judgments. Judgments too were law of the land under Article 141.

The court declared that Chief Justice Khanna (now retired) scrupulously upheld the high dignity of his office by "setting the ball rolling" to investigate the allegations against Justice Varma instead of waiting for the Parliament to take action.

The Bench said the former CJI acted within the tenets of the in-house procedure to forward the in-house inquiry report to the President, and the Prime Minister.

Chapters on war heroes added to NCERT books

Saurabh Trivedi
NEW DELHI

Chapters on the life and sacrifices of late Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw, Brigadier Mohammad Usman, and Major Somnath Sharma have been added to the syllabus in the current academic year for Classes 7 and 8 by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), the Union Defence Ministry said on Thursday.

The newly introduced chapters aim to provide students with inspirational narratives on courage and duty, the Ministry added.

SC poser to ED over 'poor' rates of conviction

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Two separate Benches of the Supreme Court on Thursday questioned the "poor conviction rates" achieved by the Directorate of Enforcement (ED) in money laundering cases, when compared with the number of complaints and arrests made by the Central agency.

Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai, heading a three-judge Bench hearing a review in the Bhushan Steel-JSW case, said the ED had been "successful" in incarcerating people for years without convictions.

'Image of ED'

Justice Ujjal Bhuyan, part of another top court Bench hearing a batch of review petitions against the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), said: "Out of about 400 ECIRs you (ED) have registered, less than only 10 have reached conviction. People are in custody for four to five years and finally acquitted. We are equally concerned with the image of the ED," the judge remarked, while suggesting that the Central agency should improve its investigation methods.

13 Allahabad HC judges urge Chief Justice to not follow Supreme Court's directive

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Three days after the Supreme Court issued a scathing order barring an Allahabad High Court judge from hearing criminal cases until his retirement, several judges of the High Court have come out in support of their fellow judge, opposing the implementation of the top court's directive.

Thirteen judges of the Allahabad High Court have written to Chief Justice Arun Bhansali, requesting the convening of a Full Court meeting and calling for the top court's order removing Justice Prashant Kumar from the criminal roster not to be implemented.

The letter was circulated on Thursday, even as the Supreme Court relisted the case in which it made the remarks against Justice Kumar for allowing criminal proceedings in a civil dispute case.

"The Full Court resolves that direction made in para 24 to 26 in the subject order dated August 4, 2025 is not to be complied with as the Supreme Court does not have administrative superintendence over the High Courts," the letter said. The High Court judges also recorded their "anguish in respect of tone and tenor of said order".

On August 4, a Supreme Court Bench of Justices J.B. Pardiwala and R. Mahadevan had reprimanded Justice Kumar for "cutting a sorry figure for himself" and making "a mockery of justice".

The top court had taken stern exception to Justice Kumar finding nothing wrong in a litigant filing a criminal case against a buyer in a purely civil dispute over an unpaid balance of money in a sale transaction.

The Bench said the High Court judge had found nothing wrong in allowing a criminal case for 'criminal breach of trust' registered in the civil dispute.

"We are at our wits' end to understand what is wrong with the Indian judiciary at the level of the High Court. At times we are left wondering whether such orders are passed on some extraneous considerations or it is sheer ignorance of law. Whatever it be, passing of such absurd and erroneous orders is something unpardonable," the Bench said.

The Indian legal system has been witnessing a troubling trend of the increasing misuse of criminal law in matters that are fundamentally civil in nature. This tendency has been seen in civil disputes, such as money recovery, cheque bounce case, contractual disagreements, inheritance, property partitions, commercial transactions and others.

In April this year, then Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna came down heavily on the Uttar Pradesh government over the growing trend of ordinary civil disputes being converted into criminal cases. His remarks came during the hearing of an appeal filed by two individuals facing a cheque bounce case, who were also slapped with criminal charges.

Don't bend to U.S. threats on tariffs, Left parties urge Centre

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NEW DELHI

Govt. must take firm steps to protect the interests of Indian exporters, say parties

The Left parties have strongly condemned U.S. President Donald Trump's imposition of 50% tariff on Indian exports, calling it a "bullying tactic". They urged the Union government to firmly assert the nation's strategic autonomy.

The Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M) Polit Bureau, in a statement, said Mr. Trump's announcement was "arbitrary, dictatorial and reflects the bullying tactics of the U.S. administration".

"The U.S. and the EU are attempting to armtwist countries like India for continuing trade relations with Russia, even as they themselves continue to trade with Russia," the party said, urging the Government of India to stand firm and resist succumbing to pressure from the U.S. "The government must take immediate steps to protect the interests of Indian exporters...," the statement said.

The CPI also called upon its units to organise protests on the issue. The blatant weaponisation of trade relations was an attack on India's autonomy, CPI general secretary D. Raja said.

APPEAL

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‘If there is a targeted attempt to eliminate the voice of some citizens, that would be a monstrous development’

Nobel laureate Amartya Sen says undertaking a special intensive revision of the electoral rolls as in Bihar with little time and serious possibilities of significant bias can have the effect of making the election far less truthful than continuing to use the existing rolls; he says it is extremely important that the Election Commission does not generate reason for suspicion by the choices it makes

INTERVIEW

Amartya Sen

The Hindu Bureau

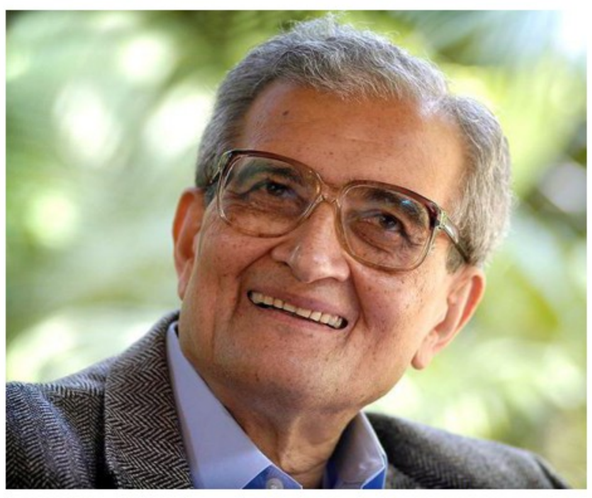
Economist Amartya Sen, in an email interview, says even with an unbiased Election Commission, there can be serious errors in a quickly produced electoral roll, particularly because of the absence of documentary evidence that many citizens, especially the poor and the deprived, are able to present.

Do you support the Election Commission’s attempt to conduct a Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls across the country?

Getting the rolls right can indeed be a good exercise if it is done correctly. However, if in a hasty attempt to remove errors from the existing list, more errors are introduced, the result can be terrible. Volunteering to undertake this effort with little time and serious possibilities of significant bias can have the effect of making the election far less truthful than continuing to use the existing rolls. Many people have also questioned the neutrality of the Election Commission, and that is an issue that has to be appropriately assessed. But even with an unbiased Election Commission, there can be serious errors in a quickly produced electoral roll, particularly because of the absence of documentary evidence that many citizens, especially the poor and the deprived, are able to present. Class bias is a big danger here.

Is there a danger of disenfranchisement of large groups of people in the process of revising the rolls within a very short time, in a hurry?

If there is a targeted attempt to eliminate the voice of some citizens, especially from the deprived parts of the nation, that would be a monstrous development. This must be totally avoided, and the Election Commission must take into account the reasons for suspicion that many fair-minded critics have found. It is extremely important that the Election Commission does not generate reason for suspicion by its choices, and that the Supreme Court plays its supervisory role actively and fairly. Indeed, the Supreme Court is ultimately the institution most responsible for making sure that the citizens’ rights are not trifled with. As citizens of India, we all have to rely on the constitutional role of the Supreme Court and we are all dependent on its active protection of justice. This is a hugely important concern of citizens today, but there is, in addition, also the question of how the future would judge the Supreme Court today in the light of what they choose to do given the information they have. There is, in fact, a big tomorrow.



What do you think of the alleged atrocities against poor migrant Bengali workers in BJP-ruled States?

There is a general point here that has to be addressed and also a special concern. The general point is that India is a country for all its citizens, and no part of the nation – whether Bengali or Tamil or Maharashtrian – should be discriminated against in any region of the country. Ill-treatment of Bengali workers elsewhere is very bad indeed, but so is the ill-treatment of any other group of migrant workers. That is the big general point, but a special concern, added to this, is the tendency of some political movements within India to portray many Bengali Indians as if they were immigrants from Bangladesh. There have, unfortunately, been many attempts at treating Bengalis in general as Bangladeshis. Especially because of the anti-Muslim programmes of some political groups in India, Bengali Indians have often had to suffer from greater discrimination than other Indians. The level of ignorant confusion shown by many powerful officers in Delhi is truly catastrophic when they see the Bengali language (born between the tenth and the eleventh centuries - through the great poetry of Charyapad) as a “Bangladeshi language”.

The BJP seems to be working hard in West Bengal to promote Hindutva in preparation of the State elections next year. Will they succeed?

Bengal has had a long history of Hindu-Muslim cordiality as well as cooperative work shared by different communities. A political party that tries to generate communal narrow-mindedness might temporarily experience partial success through its divisive propaganda, but it will not be easy to turn Bengal into a communal bastion of hatred. Divisive efforts of this kind could sometimes have short-lived success, but Bengali culture and society are ultimately resistant to generating an invented internal enmity. The illusion of political gain, if any, from cultivated discord will turn out to be ephemeral.

EC notifies V-P polls; August 21 is last date for filing nominations

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The election was necessitated by the sudden resignation of Jagdeep Dhankhar on July 21

The Election Commission on Thursday issued the notification for the Vice-Presidential election to be held on September 9, kick-starting the nomination process.

While August 21 is the last date for filing nominations, the papers will be scrutinised on August 22. The last date for withdrawal of nomination is August 25, the notification said.

The election was necessitated by the sudden resignation of Jagdeep Dhankhar on July 21, which had led to a rare mid-term vacancy in the second highest constitutional position of the country. An official Gazette notification of the vacancy was issued on July 22.

The Vice-President is elected by members of the Electoral College consisting of members of both Houses of Parliament.

Electoral College

For the election this year, which will be the 17th Vice-Presidential election, the Electoral College consists of 233 elected members of the Rajya Sabha (five seats are vacant), 12 nominated members of the Rajya Sabha, and 543 elected members of the Lok Sabha, where one seat is vacant.

Since all the electors are MPs, the value of each vote is the same (one).

The election will be held in accordance with the system of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote. In this system, the elector has to mark preferences against the names of the candidates.

Preference can be marked in the international form of Indian numerals, in Roman form, or in the form of any recognised Indian languages. Preference has to be marked in figures only and shall not be indicated in words. The elector can mark as many preferences as the number of candidates.

A nomination paper of a candidate has to be subscribed by at least 20 electors as proposers and by at least 20 other electors as seconders.

Political parties cannot issue any whip to their MPs in the matter of voting in the Vice-Presidential election.

As the election process begins, the ruling National Democratic Alliance has a comfortable edge.

NDA leaders authorise PM and Nadda to pick alliance candidate for V-P election

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Top pick: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP chief J.P. Nadda will choose the Vice-President candidate of the ruling NDA. PTI

The name of the NDA candidate is likely to be announced around August 12

Leaders of the ruling National Democratic Alliance on Wednesday unanimously passed a resolution authorising Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP chief and Union Minister J.P. Nadda to choose the NDA’s candidate for the Vice-Presidential election on September 9.

The resolution was passed at a meeting of NDA leaders presided over by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

Briefing presspersons, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju, who was present at the meeting, said the person chosen by Mr. Modi and Mr. Nadda would be acceptable to all members of the alliance.

“The decision taken by the Prime Minister will be accepted by all alliance parties,” he said.

The resolution was proposed by Janata Dal(U) leader Rajiv Ranjan Singh, seconded by Union Civil Aviation Minister and Telugu Desam Party leader K. Rammohan Naidu, and supported by the floor leaders of all the NDA parties.

Sources present at the meeting said the name of the candidate would be announced around August 12, with August 21 being the last date for filing nominations. Those who attended the meeting included Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Shrikant Shinde of the Shiv Sena, Chirag Paswan of the Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas), Lavu Krishna Devarayalu of the Telugu Desam, and Ramdas Athawale of the Republican Party of India. Shiv Sena leader and Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde had on Wednesday announced unconditional support for the BJP’s choice.

BJP candidate likely

The NDA meeting, which lasted only 15 minutes, discussed the minutiae of the election process, and the nomination papers, with multiple sets to be filed.

Sources said that after the BJP finalised its decision on a candidate, government managers would get in touch with NDA leaders to inform them of the choice.

The election has been necessitated by the mid term resignation of Jagdeep Dhankhar. Though Mr. Dhankhar cited medical issues for his decision, there has been widespread speculation that he had quit owing to differences between him and the government.

Keeping this in mind, sources in the government have indicated that the NDA candidate will be someone from the BJP who has long been within Mr. Modi’s circle of trust.

LS passes Manipur Appropriation Bill amid din

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Lok Sabha on Thursday passed the Manipur Appropriation Bill, 2025, amid Opposition protests. The Bill, presented by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, authorises the State to spend ₹30,969 crore on its expenditure requirements during the current financial year.

Manipur has been under President’s Rule since February 13. Earlier during this session, Parliament approved a statutory resolution to extend President’s Rule in Manipur for another six months, beyond August 13.

The House passed both the Manipur Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2025 and the Manipur Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2025, through a voice vote, amid persistent disruptions from Opposition benches.

Ms. Sitharaman slammed the Opposition for disrupting the proceedings, claiming that while they talked of Manipur, they did not want money to go to the State.

The Manipur Budget included an additional Central allocation of ₹2,898 crore, with ₹1,667 crore earmarked for capital expenditure, and ₹1,231 crore for revenue expenditure.

INBRIEF

Amid protests over SIR, RS passes Coastal Shipping Bill

The Rajya Sabha passed the Coastal Shipping Bill amid protests by Opposition members who were demanding a discussion on the special intensive revision of electoral rolls in Bihar on Thursday. The Lok Sabha had passed the Bill during the Budget Session. Union Ports, Shipping and Waterways Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said the legislation will reduce the compliance burden for ships and will unlock the full potential of country’s coastline. He said the Bill is also in tune with the concept of ease of doing business and ensures supply chain security for the country.

Nadda condemns attack on Adhikari’s convoy in Bengal

BJP president J.P. Nadda on Thursday condemned the attack on the Leader of the Opposition in West Bengal Assembly, Suvendu Adhikari, at Cooch Behar on August 5. Mr. Nadda spoke to Mr. Adhikari and took stock of the situation. “If the Leader of the Opposition in West Bengal isn’t safe, one can only imagine the plight of the common people. Mamata Banerjee must be held accountable for fostering this culture of lawlessness and political violence,” Mr. Nadda said on X. He alleged that the convoy was attacked “by Trinamool Congress goons.”

Didn’t get any notice from EC on two voter cards: Tejashwi

Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Yadav on Thursday said he had not received any notice from the Election Commission (EC) over allegedly possessing two voter identity cards. His statement comes amid a reminder letter sent by the Electoral Registration Officer of the Digha Assembly constituency on Wednesday. The official, in the letter, has asked Mr. Yadav to provide the card which he had shown during a press conference on August 2 claiming that his name was missing from the draft rolls published after the first phase of the special intensive revision. The ERO has asked the RJD leader to hand over the card by Friday.

Delhi High Court allows release of *Udaipur Files*

The Delhi High Court on Thursday refused to stay the release of the movie *Udaipur Files*, based on tailor Kanhaiya Lal murder case, scheduled to hit the screens on Friday. A Bench of Chief Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela passed the order while dismissing a plea seeking the movie’s stay, saying the petitioner failed to establish a *prima facie* case in his favour. On Wednesday, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting dismissed all revision petitions challenging the certification of the film thereby clearing the path for its release.

INDIA bloc decides to contest the Vice-Presidential polls

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

Leaders of the Indian National Developmental, Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) have agreed in principle to field a candidate for the Vice-Presidential election to force a contest, though the Opposition does not have the numbers to win the election.

The decision was taken at a dinner meeting of the bloc hosted by Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi.

This was the first physical meeting of the INDIA bloc partners after 14 months. The last meeting was on June 1, 2024. The Election Commission notified the election on Thursday. Nominations have to be filed by August 21.

The INDIA bloc leaders will address a joint rally in Bihar on the issue of the ongoing special intensive revision of electoral rolls under way in the State. The Opposition had said the SIR was an attempt to disenfranchise many eligible voters.

The meeting began with a 30-minute presentation by Mr. Gandhi, which he had earlier in the day shared at a press conference. Rashtriya Janata Dal leader Tejashwi Yadav briefed the leaders on how the SIR was unfolding in the State, pointing out the various issues with the draft electoral rolls published on August 1. During the course of his intervention, he informed the gathering that from August 10, the INDIA bloc will take to the streets of Bihar on the issue. This campaign is likely to conclude on September 1 with a public meeting. Mr. Yadav invited all INDIA bloc leaders to participate in the meeting.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and other INDIA bloc members during the meeting in New Delhi on Thursday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister and National Conference leader Farooq Abdullah was the only other leader to speak during the presentation. He urged the Opposition to keep up the pressure on the government to restore Statehood for J&K.

Mr. Abdullah explained how J&K is not being represented in the Rajya Sabha and how vacant seats in the Assembly have not been filled. He urged the Opposition to protest against the Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha’s orders to ban books.

After the presentation and dinner, a select group of leaders held a closed-door meeting on the Vice-Presidential election. This meeting was attended by the Congress’s Parliamentary Party Chairperson, Sonia Gandhi, party president Mallikarjun Kharge, Mr. Rahul, Congress general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal, Trinamool Congress leaders Abhishek Banerjee and Derek O’ Brien, Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav, the DMK’s Lok Sabha leader Kanimozhi, former Maharashtra Chief Minister Udhav Thackeray, NCP(SP) leader Supriya Sule and others.

At least one person familiar with the discussion at this meeting said that the Opposition must decide their candidate after waiting to see whom the BJP picks.

“Since our fight against this government is centered around the campaign to save the Constitution, our candidate should be someone, whether politician or an academic, who embodies this ideological contest,” a leader said.

INBRIEF

Biometric delay not grounds for grace marks, says Delhi HC

The Delhi High Court has ordered the National Testing Agency (NTA) to streamline the biometric verification processes for the conduct of the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) in the future. The court, in the August 6 order, said, "The chaotic consequences of extending 'marks improvisation' for individual delays in biometric authentication for reasons not attributable to the testing agency." "Such an approach would open the floodgates to claims by candidates who experienced even minor technical delays in biometric authentication... Granting marks for delays in process of biometric verification would not be a justifiable course to follow," it added.

Man approaches feeding lion, arrested under Wildlife Act

A man from Bhavnagar district in Gujarat has been arrested and sent to jail for allegedly harassing a lion by approaching it while it was feeding on a cattle carcass, the Forest Department said on Thursday. The incident came to light after a video circulated on social media earlier this week, showing the man moving dangerously close to the wild animal while recording it on his mobile phone. Following the video's circulation, the Shetrunji Wildlife Division launched an investigation. According to the department, the man was arrested on Wednesday under provisions of the Wildlife Protection Act for disturbing and endangering a protected species.

Anxious families wait for updates from Dharali as rescue efforts continue

With communication down and power supply cut, families at rescue centres and Uttarkashi district headquarters say they have not been able to establish contact ever since flash flood struck

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

Bharat Singh has been trying to contact his family in Dharali for the past 50 hours now. The 52-year-old was at Gaganani, some 30km from Dharali, when a flash flood pulverised the picturesque village in Uttarkashi district of Uttarakhand on August 5.

"The bridge broke down after the disaster and I could not go back. The rescue teams brought me to the district headquarters and since then I am trying to get information about my wife, children and mother, but to no avail," he said.

Mr. Singh has visited rehabilitation centres set up by the government, where people stuck at various places in the district are still being brought in, to see if anyone from his family is there. He has frequented the helipads, requesting officials to air-drop him to the village.

Hundreds like Mr. Singh are anxious, with an agonising wait, as their family members remain untraceable. The rescue teams, which saved 238 people from various spots of the district and sent them to safe spots on Thursday, are racing against time, and at times battling adverse weather, to find survivors from the flattened village.

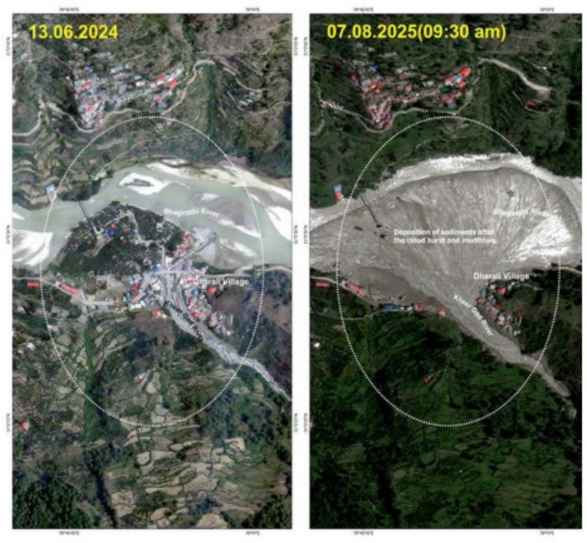
The Indo-Tibetan Border Police carry a woman at the Matli helipad in Uttarkashi district after she was airlifted from Dharali. REUTERS

With communication towers damaged, phones and Internet services are unavailable. Power supply at the disaster spot has been cut since the time of the incident.

Beena Khatri, 47, who lives in Uttarkashi town, reached the district headquarters, where Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami is camping, with a request to find her brothers and elderly parents who lived in the disaster-hit village. She could not control her tears when the Chief Minister told her that the power corporation has airlifted a generator to resume electricity supply in Dharali and even a temporary communication facility is being set up. "All I wish is to hear a word from my mother that she is alive and safe," Ms. Beena said.

On Thursday, rescue efforts picked up pace with the weather clearing. Teams of the Indian Army, Indo-Tibetan Border Police, and State Disaster Response Force are on the ground, with drones helping them in locating stranded individuals in inaccessible areas. The helipads at Harsil and Nelong are operational, enabling rapid troop induction and casualty evacuation.

"With multiple road breaches reported, Chinook and Mi-17 helicopters are positioned in Dehradun for airlift, while an adhoc aviation base is being established at Matli helipad. Recco radar teams, search-and-rescue dogs, and five civil helicopters operating from Sahastradhara continue to augment efforts," said a communique from the Indian Army.



Satellite images show Dharali village on June 13, 2024 (left) and the devastation after the recent flash flood. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Uncertainty prevails over the cause of Uttarkashi flash flood

Jacob P. Koshy
NEW DELHI

Days after heavy rain triggered a flash flood and an avalanche of debris that deluged Dharali in Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand, uncertainty prevails over what caused the disaster.

As of Thursday, rescue and relief operations in Uttarkashi have delayed scientific investigations into the cause of the disaster.

"We are planning a reconnaissance, but, currently, accessing the sites is difficult. Rainfall data that we have from the India Meteorological Department suggests that this was not a cloudburst," Vineet Kumar Gahalaut, Director, Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehradun, said. "It is possible that there is a glacier lake overflow or heavy rain triggering a landslide of accumulated silt and debris," he said.

Challenges persist

While cloudbursts are not unexpected given the prevailing monsoon conditions, they are challenging to forecast, and confirming them requires specific instruments, including a doppler weather radar (DWR) that can image them, as well as an automatic weather station (AWS) that can provide hourly data on rainfall, temperature, wind, and humidity. There are three DWRs in Uttarakhand, but even between them, they leave vast stretches of the Upper Himalayas unmapped. Data from the AWSs is not publicly shared.

Rainfall data from the IMD only indicates eight-hour or 24-hour rainfall data. On August 5, the day of the deluge, rainfall data for Uttarakhand showed, for instance, that Haridwar (Haridwar district) reported 30 cm of rainfall over the previous 24 hours; Narendranagar (Garhwal Tehri district) reported 17 cm; Rishikesh (Dehradun district) 14 cm; Jolly Grant (Dehradun district) 13 cm; and Kotdwara (Garhwal Pauri district) 12 cm. While this is significant rain, it is not known whether this was concentrated over a short duration or averaged over a day.

"While the data we have so far does not indicate a cloudburst, I cannot entirely rule it out," M. Mohapatra, Director-General, IMD, said. "It is theoretically possible there was a cloudburst in the upper reaches [of the Himalayas] where we do not have instruments. Satellite imagery and other remote sensing could provide some answers, and I believe that the National Disaster Management Agency is coordinating some investigation on it."

ISRO assesses damage with satellite images

BENGALURU

The Indian Space Research Organisation's National Remote Sensing Centre has done a "rapid assessment" of the damage caused by the flash floods in Uttarkashi district of Uttarakhand using very high-resolution images from the Cartosat-2S satellite.

"The comparative analysis of satellite images of 07.08.2025 (post-event) and available cloud-free pre-event data (13.06.2024) revealed the extent and severity of the destruction," ISRO said.

"The satellite images would help the ongoing search and rescue operations... Scientific analysis is being carried out to ascertain the cause of the triggering event," it said.

After being stateless, Pak. doctor gets citizenship

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

A doctor from Pakistan, "stateless" for the past four years, has been registered as an Indian citizen, the Gujarat High Court was informed on Thursday.

Nanikraz Khanoomal Mukhi (53), who had a sonography clinic in Pakistan's Hyderabad, chose to move to India in 2009 for his children's education and to escape possible religious persecution.

He was registered as an Indian on August 5 under Section 5 (1) (A) of the Citizenship Act, 1955 by the office of District Magistrate, Ahmedabad.

"As an Indian I will get legal rights and the right to practise as a medical doctor now. I can apply for a voter card and a passport," Dr. Mukhi told *The Hindu*.

Police search bookshops in Kashmir; authors, parties aghast over L-G's move

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

The Jammu and Kashmir Police on Thursday launched wide searches of bookshops across the Kashmir Valley to seize copies of 25 books declared "forfeited" by the Lieutenant-Governor's administration, even as the move evoked sharp reactions from several authors and political parties.

The police scanned the ongoing Chinar Book Festival at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC) here.

"We were asked if we possess A.G. Noorani's book *The Kashmir Dispute, 1947-2012*. We have no books available that were listed as forfeited," a salesman said. Stalls of several publishers such as Milli Publications were searched for any book authored by Islamic scholar Maulana Maududi. "We were forewarned about bringing books authored by Maududi to the book fair in Srinagar this year," a Delhi-based publisher said.

Censor at play: A bookstore in Srinagar. Twenty-five books have been declared 'forfeited' by the J&K administration. IMRAN NISSAR

The J&K Home Department, which comes under the Lieutenant-Governor, invoked Section 98 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 on Wednesday to categorise 25 books as "forfeited".

Author Anuradha Bhasin said the books listed by the Home Department were "well-researched and not one glorifies terrorism". "I challenge them to prove a single word that glorifies terrorism. For those who value truth, read it and judge for yourself," Ms. Bhasin, whose book *A Dismantled State: The Untold Story of Kashmir after Article 370* was listed as "forfeited".

Former Union Home Secretary Gopal Pillai and former Kashmir interlocutor Radha Kumar, who co-chair the Forum of Human Rights in J&K, said, "It's another example of the suppression of dissent through censorship, a practice which is becoming widespread across India and has been at its worst in Jammu and Kashmir since August 2019."

Former J&K Chief Minister and Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) president Mehbooba Mufti said censorship would not silence ideas, but it amplified their resonance. "Democracy thrives on the free exchange of ideas. Banning books cannot erase history, it only fuels division. In Kashmir, suppressing democratic voices and fundamental freedoms deepens alienation and mistrust," Ms. Mufti said.

Court allows Tahawwur Rana to speak to his family

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A Delhi court on Thursday allowed Tahawwur Rana, 26/11 Mumbai terror attack accused, to make a one-time phone call to his family members.

Special judge Chander Jit Singh of the Patiala House Court allowed Rana to speak to his family after he had sought permission for the same, citing that he wished to change his lawyer and wanted suggestions from his family on the same.

Rana is being represented by advocate Piyush Sachdeva from the Delhi Legal Services Authority.

The authorities of Tihar Jail, where Rana has been lodged since May, had opposed his request to speak to his family, citing security concerns.

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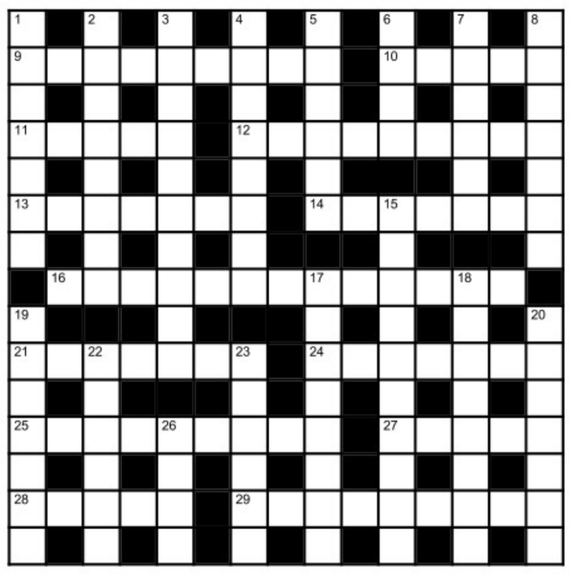

Across

9 Champion Scot with old fashioned values (9)
10 Flow controller setting volume for uniform rate (5)
11 Old soldier positively welcomes work after retiring (5)
12 Boredom - passing university, appearing in test once in three years (9)
13 Where venting of lava can abruptly, naturally occur at first? (7)
14 Avoid or ban it as fashion! (7)
16 Screen for Luigi Groto? (8,5)
21 For instance, Vatican City board, could be overbalanced (7)
24 Turned away in time! Run out declared! (7)
25 Millions welcome faceless cons and rebels (9)
27 Old Nick settled on a number (5)
28 Heart of antelope and a bovid (5)
29 Atypical mad don (3,3,3)

Down

1 Deceptive first lady had visa rejected (7)
2 Paul aces, swinging shoulder bones (8)
3 Arab comedy about a police contraption (4,6)
4 Six run outs disoriented India Masters (8)
5 Active, new force of volunteers has provided a far-left movement (6)
6 Range in Slovenia (4)
7 What is brew in Hebrew is same as tin in Latin! (6)
8 Disguising and arousing evil in good (7)
15 Most versatile works leading to right medal in US Army (6,4)
17 One flank of vehicle floating in Red Sea (8)
18 Scratch vote turning into record (8)
19 Misguidedly revere male painter from Holland (7)
20 Love to present dragonfly, say (7)
22 Limed, salted eggs prepared for Vice Admiral (6)
23 English Supreme Court's line on conditional security bond (6)
26 Bit bored of working again (4)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Seek Lakshmi's grace

An embodiment of grace, kindness and (others') welfare, Goddess Mahalakshmi is the wealth of a devotee. She emerged from the milky ocean when it was churned by both asuras and devas for amrut – all except Vishnu who joined the efforts only to attain Mahalakshmi. Bedazzled by Her grand form, a Mahalakshmi pattabhishekham was performed by all those assembled there by the side of the ocean. When it was time for Her to select Her Consort, She walked past all of them till She reached Vishnu: She garlanded Him, aware that He alone complemented the quality of mercy She possessed, in order to save devotees, said Damal Perundevi.

Narayana became Lakshmi Narayana since Mahalakshmi took up permanent residence in His chest. Whenever He manifested on earth to save mankind, She too descended along with Him: as Sita to Rama, as Rukmini to Krishna. Sri Vedanta Desika celebrates this and says even in Vamana avatar, She continued to reside in His chest, and He covered Her presence with deer skin. As Sita, She personified what a fount of kindness She is: when Hanuman sought Her consent to vanquish all those who tortured Her in Ashoka Vana, She dissuaded him saying She had already offered them pardon in the event of Her freedom.

She resides in the homes and hearts of devotees and continues to bless devotees. Perumal offers protection to those who surrender to Him, but Mahalakshmi, Varalakshmi and Thayar as She is variously known, does not wait for that appeal, but blesses all those who are pure of heart and have faith, as Swami Desikan says in Sri Stuti.

INBRIEF

CIL allows sale of excess power by plants at exchanges

Beginning August 1, Coal India Ltd. (CIL) said, it had allowed thermal power plants (TPP) that use its linkage coal under long and medium term fuel supply agreements to sell un-requisitioned surplus power generated by them, in the power market and exchanges, a move that could benefit end-consumers. As per the revised SHAKTI Policy, CIL said it has done away with the earlier provision of restricting the sale of power in the open market.

TCS to roll out wage hikes for about 80% of employees

India's largest IT services company Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) informed employees that it will roll out wage hikes for about 80% of its workforce, covering mid to junior levels. The wage increase comes at a time when the company is set to lay off about 12,000 employees this year. The wage hikes will be effective September 1, TCS CHRO Milind Lakkad and CHRO Designate K. Sudeep said in an email to employees on Wednesday. PTI

Nayara seeks ships from India to ferry refined fuels: Source

Indian private refiner Nayara Energy, which was last month sanctioned by the European Union (EU), has sought help from India's Shipping Ministry to get vessels for the movement of its refined fuels, a government source said on Thursday. The ministries of Shipping, Oil and Foreign Affairs will meet shortly to look into Nayara's request, the government source told reporters after a meeting with Russia-backed Nayara's officials. REUTERS

Exporters to U.S. fear loss of business with 25% additional tariff

While support from the government cannot be a substitute for export orders, financial assistance is needed to tide over the crisis, say exporters

M. Soundariya Preetha
COIMBATORE

Stitch in time: Exports of fashion garments will continue as U.S. buyers cannot identify alternative suppliers immediately. REUTERS

The additional 25% tariff announced by the U.S. on exports from India will result in loss of substantial business if the tariff stays, said exporters of engineering and textile products.

The U.S. is the top market for several Indian products. Exporters hope the U.S. will withdraw the additional tariff and have called for efforts to continue negotiations between the two countries.

While support from the government cannot be a substitute for export orders, the exporters do need financial support from the Union government to overcome the current situation as Indian exporters are in trouble, said an engineering exporter.

In 2024-2025, the U.S. accounted for 27% of the $22.9 billion auto components exported from India and 7% of $22.4 billion imports of auto components into India, said Automotive Component Manufacturers Association president Shradha Suri Marwah.

"While this [additional tariff] development presents near term headwinds, for Indian exporters, it also underscores the importance of enhancing our sector's competitiveness, strengthening value addition, and exploring new and diversified markets," he said.

EEPC India chairman Pankaj Chadha said the increase in tariff threatens to derail the ongoing trade talks between the two countries. "We are hoping for an interim deal," he said. Engineering exports from India to the U.S. in 2024-2025 were to the tune of nearly $20 billion. Iron and steel products and aluminium, and electrical and industrial machinery are among the major exports.

Sudhir Sekhri, chairman of AEPC, said the U.S. is a key market for Indian ready-made garment exports, with the country holding a share of 33% in India's total garment exports in 2024.

"While export of fashion garments will continue as it is not easy for the U.S. buyers to identify alternative suppliers immediately, export of volume products may move out of India if the additional tariff stays. With the initial 25% tariff, some of the U.S. buyers have accepted the shipments and some negotiated for discounts," said K.M. Subramanian, president of the Tiruppur Exporters Association. Ravi Sam, chairman of the Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council, urged the government to announce a three-year moratorium on bank loans.

Pharma exempted

Namit Joshi, chairman, Pharmexcil, said the U.S. decision to temporarily exempt Indian pharma exports from increased tariffs reiterates India's critical role in ensuring affordable, high-quality medicines for the American population.

India supplies over 40% of generics used in the U.S. Tariffs on Indian pharma will be counterproductive as any tariff will be passed on to U.S. consumers.

LIC Q1 net profit rises 5% on increase in premium income

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Life Insurance Corporation's standalone Q1 net profit rose 5% to ₹10,986 crore from ₹10,461.05 crore in the year-earlier period on increase in premium income.

Net income from premiums rose 5% to ₹1.19 lakh crore from ₹1.14 lakh crore in the year-earlier period.

"A total of 30,39,709 policies were sold in the individual segment during the quarter ended June 30, 2025 compared with 35,65,519 policies sold during the quarter ended June 30, 2024, registering a decline of 14.75%," the insurer said in a statement.

Solvency ratio improved to 2.17% in the reporting quarter as against 1.99% in the year-ago period.

Gross non-performing asset (NPA) ratio in the reporting quarter declined to 1.42% from 1.95% in the year-earlier period.

Net NPA ratio, however, remained flat.

"During the first quarter of this financial year, our overall market share by first-year premium income was 63.51% and we maintained our leadership in both individual and group businesses," said Doraiswamy, chief executive officer and managing director of LIC.

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AU Small Finance Bank gets universal banking licence from RBI

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted 'in-principle' approval to AU Small Finance Bank Ltd. (AUSFB) for transitioning from a small finance bank (SFB) to a universal bank.

This is the first time after 11 years that an entity has been granted a universal bank licence by the banking regulator. Universal banking licences were last granted in 2014 – to Bandhan Bank, and IDFC Bank, which later became IDFC First Bank.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	THURSDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	80,623	0.09
US Dollar	87.58	0.15
Gold	1,02,620	3.63
Brent oil	66.90	-0.63

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2249.80	-50.50
Adani Ports	1345.40	-21.70
Apollo Hosp	7170.00	-19.50
Asian Paints	2506.50	15.30
Axis Bank	1076.20	5.20
Bajaj Auto	8229.00	50.50
Bajaj Finserv	1914.00	-10.00
Bajaj Finance	879.10	2.45
Bharat Elec	387.75	-1.95
Bharti Airtel	1922.60	-7.10
Cipla	1491.00	4.30
Coal India	379.55	2.70
Dr Reddys Lab	1200.80	4.10
Eicher Motors	5681.50	13.50
Eternal Ltd.	301.75	2.90
Grasim Ind	2743.70	-22.10
HCL Tech	1475.50	12.30
HDFC Bank	1995.40	10.10
HDFC Life	755.70	3.15
Hero MotoCorp	4660.70	185.80
Hindalco	686.80	1.95
Hind Unilever	2517.50	-18.10
ICICI Bank	1440.30	-3.30
IndusInd Bank	807.35	4.00
Infosys	1436.90	0.20
ITC	413.60	1.60
Jio Financial Servic-es Ltd.	325.50	-1.05
JSW Steel	1064.80	12.20
Kotak Bank	1992.10	-10.30
L&T	3641.60	13.20
M&M	3211.10	-16.40
Maruti Suzuki	12632.00	108.00
NestleIndia	2234.60	1.30
NTPC	329.75	-2.35
ONGC	233.93	0.16
PowerGrid Corp	285.55	0.75
Reliance Ind	1389.40	-3.40
SBI Life	1861.10	6.80
State Bank	805.15	0.00
Shriram Finance Ltd.	627.35	-3.25
Sun Pharma	1598.40	3.20
TataConsumerPro-duct	1052.80	0.00
Tata Motors	646.50	-6.35
Tata Steel	159.67	1.01
TCS	3047.00	14.70
Tech Mahindra	1482.00	23.00
Titan	3415.70	-2.00
Trent Ltd.	5303.50	-53.00
UltraTech Cement	12273.00	47.00
Wipro	242.32	2.36

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on August 07

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	87.50	87.82
Euro	102.09	102.46
British Pound	116.98	117.42
Japanese Yen (100)	59.39	59.61
Chinese Yuan	12.19	12.24
Swiss Franc	108.56	108.97
Singapore Dollar	68.14	68.41
Canadian Dollar	63.74	63.97
Malaysian Ringitt	20.66	20.74
Australian Dollar	57.11	57.32

Source:Indian Bank

'Unequal growth from the globalisation boom led to inward looking trade policies'

T.C.A. Sharad Raghavan
NEW DELHI

Scott Wang, Vice President, Asia Pacific, for the World Trade Centers Association. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The increasingly inward looking attitude of countries around the world didn't happen overnight, and is a result of the unequal growth that emerged from the 'golden' period of globalisation in the 1990s and 2000s, according to Scott Wang, Vice President, Asia Pacific, for the World Trade Centres' Association.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Mr. Wang acknowledged that the world is becoming more divided and that the international trade landscape was becoming more fragmented. However, he also noted that this was a transition period towards a more inclusive and well-rounded growth model.

"There is a rise of unilateralism, protectionism, and nationalism," Mr. Wang explained. "These are all sort of inward looking. Tariffs are the same thing. It's to protect domestic manufacturers."

He added that inward-looking doesn't necessarily mean focussing exclusively on domestic markets, but that international policy is also becoming increasingly region-based or block-based, resulting in trends like near-shoring and friend-shoring.

However, he also explained that the current situation was not something that emerged suddenly, or as a result of any particular person. Rather, it is a result of the kind of globalisation that took place in the 1990s and 2000s.

"If you look at the situation right now, it didn't happen overnight," Mr. Wang explained. "It has kind of been evolving over the past decade at least."

"When you're talking about the "golden era" [the 1990s and 2000s] of globalisation, it brought prosperity and growth on a global scale, but there were also issues," he added. "The issue was that the distribution of wealth was very uneven among countries and among classes inside a country."

This, he said, began to create problems as people began to realise that the benefits of globalisation were accruing to a few. As a result, people began to use their votes and voices against this trend, which began to have a significant impact on trade policy and immigration laws.

"So, you see the rise of nationalism, sometimes you see anti-immigration, things like that," he explained. "These are all kind of because of some of the issues with that "golden" version of globalisation. So, the World Trade Organisation's position is that we're moving towards a more inclusive, more sustainable, more common prosperity type of globalisation, but we're not there yet."

"We're probably in a transitional period where you see a lot of uncertainty, a lot of turmoil," he added.

Mr. Wang also spoke about the annual Geopolitical Annual Trade Risk Index (GATRI) that has been developed by the WTCA and the Hague Centre for Strategic Studies. This index seeks to quantify the influence of geopolitical developments on global trade.

The index uses open-source data across three verticals – diplomatic, military, and economic – to judge how things like trade interventions, conflicts, and diplomatic behaviour such as state visits rhetoric and voting patterns in bodies like the United Nations affect trade relationships.

The latest reading in the index, for the year 2024, shows that trade risks were at the highest that year since 2019, the earliest year for which the Index has data.

July auto retail sales decline 4.31% YoY: FADA

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Overall all auto mobile retail sales in July 2025 fell 4.31% from the same period last year indicating the sluggishness in the market.

While the two-wheeler (2W) category declined 6.48% year on year (YoY), passenger vehicles (PV) and construction equipment (CE) segments fell 0.81% and 33.28% respectively, as per data released by Federation of Automobile Dealers Association (FADA).

On the other hand, three wheelers (3W), tractors, and commercial vehicles (CV) grew 0.83%, 10.96% and 0.23% YoY respectively.

FADA president C.S. Vigneshwar said, "After three consecutive months of growth, India's auto retail sector applied the brakes in July, with overall retails declining by 4.31% YoY."

"This pullback largely stems from a high-base effect in July 2024, when an extreme heat wave was immediately followed by excessive rainfall, constraining volumes before a rebound later that month," he said. The PV segment contracted due to Aashaada period and despite rural markets doing well. Urban demand remained muted due to low enquiry and restrained customer sentiment.

CVs posted a modest increase in sales led by urban momentum. Dealers cited new-model launches, aggressive marketing support, bulk institutional orders and timely stock availability as key drivers, alongside targeted schemes that bolstered school-bus volumes.

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File No. : ()/ 1258 Date : 31/07/2025
NOTICE INVITING BID
NIB NO. 15/2025-26
Bids for Recharge shaft, Farm Pond, RTWHS, Earthen Bund, Bank Stabilization and Johad renovation etc. Under PMKSY- 2.0 project area in Block Govindgarh, Kathumar, Rajgarh and Ramgarh of Estimated value INR 513.27 Lacs [07 Package] are invited from interested bidders up to 06.00 PM, 12-08-2025 Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal **(https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in or https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in/)** of the State. **NIB Code :- WSC2526A0566, UBN No. :- WSC2526WSOB00967 To WSC2526WSOB00973**
Superintending Engineer and project Manager
Raj.Samwad/C/25/7757 WCDC Zilla Parishad Alwar

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Online bids are invited from resourceful, experienced and registered firms for **"Dry -docking repair works of Ro-Ro Vessel M.V. Adi Shankara during the year 2025-26". Estimated cost:** ₹2.74 Crores (including cost of spare parts on actual +10% i.e ₹1.36 crores for mentioned items In BOQ) excluding GST. **Date of download of tender** is from 07.08.2025 at 15:00 hrs. to 01.09.2025 at 15:00 hrs. **Last date of submission of online bids** is up to 01.09.2025 at 15:00 hrs. **Date of online opening** on 02.09.2025 at 15.30 hrs. **Cost of tender:** ₹5900/-. All the relevant details shall be available in website **www.iwai.nic.in** and **https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app.** Further amendments / Corrigendum, if any, will be uploaded in above websites only. Bidders are advised to check the website before submitting the tender.
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(A) Bid for Erection, testing and commissioning of LILO of 132 KV S/C Boranada-Ghumti line at Proposed 132KV GSS Feench (Distt. Jodhpur) on labour contract basis (Approx. 20Km) under BN- 9018002516 (UBN: VPN2526WSOB01333) are invited from interested bidders up to 04:00 PM on 03.09.2025.
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252613 003296	Procurement of Surface Liquid OBA for PM#1 & 3.	21.08.2025
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252623 001809	For Supply and Application of Thermal Insulation for TM#5 Equipments & Piping at TNPL Unit-II.	25.08.2025
252623 001792	Procurement of Descaling Agent for Continuous Digester for Pulp Mill of TNPL Unit-II.	22.08.2025
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
ASCDCL invites firms possessing relevant capabilities to respond to this RFP for following:

Sr. No.	Title and Tender ID No.	Closing Date
01	Selection of service provider for Design, Development, Deployment and Maintenance of Clean Streets App for city wide vigilance on PPP basis. [ASCDCL/2025/880] [2025_ASCDC_1208685_1]	22-Aug-2025 05:00 PM

The tender documents can be downloaded from http://mahatenders.gov.in
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Notice Inviting Bid (NIT No. 08-09/2025-26)
Bid for following work is invited from interested bidders up to 6.00 pm of 13-08-2025.

S. No.	NIT No.	Work Description	Estimated Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Unique Bid No. (UBN)
1	08/2025-26	WORK OF REORGANIZATION OF URBAN WATER SUPPLY SCHEME MARWAR JUNCTION FROM JADAN TO MARWAR JUNCTION, DISTRICT PALI UNDER BUDGET ANNOUNCEMENT 2025-26 INCLUDING 5 YEARS O&M AFTER 1 YEAR DLP	829.70	PHE2526WLOB04846
2	09/2025-26	WORKS OF RE AUGUMENTATION OF URBAN WATER SUPPLY SCHEME BHANWARI UNDER BUDGET ANNOUNCEMENT 2025-26 DISTRICT SIROHI	1580.96	PHE2526WLOB04847

Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal-http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in of the state, and PHED department website.
(SAVE WATER-SAVE LIFE)
(Dinesh Kumar Nagori)
ADDL. CHIEF ENGINEER
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Annexure A
IN THE HON'BLE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM
(Original Jurisdiction)
In the matter of the Companies Act, 1956
and
In the matter of M/s. Hebron Aqua and Foods (India)Pvt. Ltd.
(In Liquidation)
C.P.No.49/2016
E-AUCTION NOTICE
In pursuance of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala order dated 28.7.2025 passed in Official Liquidator's Report No.19/2025 online competitive bids are hereby invited for sale of below described assets of the company (in Liquidation) situated at Door No.V/109A, Kottapadi South, Noolelichira, Kothamangalam, Ernakulam-686695 on "AS IS WHERE IS AND WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" through e-auction to be conducted by M/s.Railtel Corporation of India Ltd scheduled on **9.9.2025 from 14.00 hours to 17.00 hours**.

Lot No.	Description of Assets	EMD	Upset price
I	Landed property to the extent of 38.16 Ares (approx. 94.295 cents) lying in Sy.No.103/2A-16.12 Are, Sy.No.100/6-8.77 Are, Sy.No.100/7 -11.42 Are and in Sy. No.99/13-1.85 Are in Kottapadi Village, Kothamangalam Taluk, Ernakulam District and factory buildings, Plant and machineries and furnitures thereon	21,70,000.00	2,17,00,000.00

The entire e-auction catalogue i.e. "Terms and Conditions" of sale containing the schedules for giving full particulars of events of e-auction, guidelines for online registration, etc., are available on RailTel Corporation of India Ltd. website and can be viewed by clicking on "forth coming e-auction" or by accessing URL **https://olauction.enivida.com** and Ministry's website at **www.mca.gov.in.**
Inspection of the assets can be had at the company premises situated at Kottapadi South, Noolelichira, Kothamangalam, Ernakulam District on **19.8.2025** between 10 a.m to 4 p.m. The Official Liquidator subject to the orders of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala reserves the right to accept or reject the highest offer and also put the assets for resale. The EMD as above need to be paid through online mode at least five days before the date of e-auction.
The intending bidders may contact Sri.Gagan T.S., RailTel Corporation of India Ltd. on his Mobile No.8448288987/89, for doubts/clarifications, if any, on the e-auction procedure and Smt.Valsala. P, Official of the office of the Official Liquidator on his/her Mobile No. 8075028578 for other queries about the properties.
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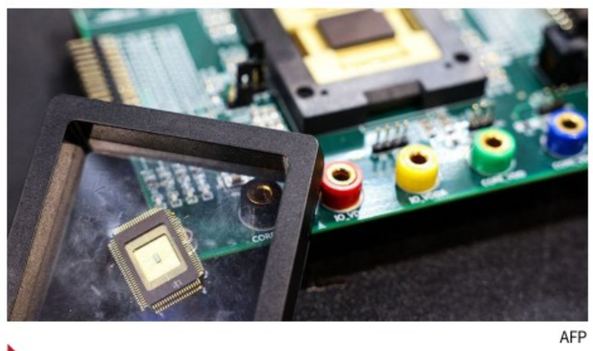
TOKYO

Trump announces 100% tariff on chips, pressuring Asian producers



AFP

Donald Trump announced a 100% tariff on semiconductors from companies that do not invest in the United States, causing volatility in Asian chipmaker shares on Thursday. He unveiled this at the White House before imposing broad tariffs on goods from many countries, with chips initially exempt. AFP

BEIRUT

U.S. plan sees Hezbollah disarmed by year-end, Israeli withdrawal

AFP

The U.S. proposed a phased plan for Lebanon to disarm Hezbollah by year-end 2025, stop Israeli military operations, and ensure troop withdrawals. Hezbollah had no immediate comment on the proposal, but sources said that four Ministers withdrew from Thursday's cabinet meeting of discussions of the proposal. REUTERS

MELBOURNE

Great Barrier Reef records largest annual coral loss in four decades

AP

The Great Barrier Reef suffered its worst coral loss in 40 years due to 2024 bleaching from climate change heat stress, Australian authorities say. Despite declines of 14-30% across regions, coral cover remains near average thanks to past growth. The change underscores a new level of volatility on the UNESCO site. AP

ISLAMABAD

'Pakistan Army chief Munir expected to visit U.S. again'

AP

Pakistan Army chief Asim Munir will visit the U.S. this week for talks with American officials, his second visit since recent India-Pakistan tensions, *Dawn* reported on Thursday. His previous trip included meeting President Trump and strengthening bilateral cooperation. The visit follows CENTCOM General Kurilla's recent Pakistan trip. PTI

Trump calls on Intel CEO to resign over his China ties

Reuters
WASHINGTON

U.S. President Donald Trump on Thursday demanded the immediate resignation of new Intel CEO Lip-Bu Tan, calling him "highly conflicted" due to his ties to Chinese firms and raising questions about plans to turn around the struggling American chip icon.

"There is no other solution to this problem," Mr. Trump said in a post on his Truth Social platform, knocking shares of Intel down around 2% in early U.S. trading.

A change in leadership at Intel could pile pressure on the company, which is also a pillar of U.S. efforts to boost domestic chipmaking. Last year it secured $8 billion in subsidies, the largest outlay under the 2022 CHIPS and Science Act, to build new fabs in Ohio and other states.

Analysts debated whether Mr. Trump should be making calls on corporate leadership.

Trump and Putin to meet next week, 'possibly in UAE'

It seems that Russia is now more inclined to agree to a ceasefire, says Ukraine President Zelenskyy; Marco Rubio says Steve Witkoff, who met Putin in Moscow, is returning with a ceasefire proposal

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

Donald Trump said he could meet with Vladimir Putin "very soon," following what the U.S. President described as highly productive talks in Moscow between his special envoy and the Russian leader.

The potential summit was discussed in a call between Mr. Trump and Ukrainian leader Volodymyr Zelenskyy that, according to a senior source in Kyiv, included NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte and the leaders of Britain, Germany and Finland.

"There's a good chance that there will be a meeting very soon," Mr. Trump told reporters on Wednesday at the White House, when asked when he would meet the Ukrainian and Russian leaders.

He gave no indication where the meeting with Mr. Putin might take place.

Power parley: The upcoming meeting would be the first U.S.-Russia leadership summit since June 2021. AFP

It would be the first U.S.-Russia leadership summit since former President Joe Biden met with his counterpart in Geneva in June 2021.

Mr. Putin on Thursday said he hopes to meet with Mr. Trump next week, possibly in the UAE. Speaking of possible direct talks with Mr. Zelenskyy, Mr. Putin said he has mentioned several times that he was not against it, adding: "It is a possibility, but certain conditions need to be created" for it to happen.

The Kremlin has previously said that Mr. Putin and Mr. Zelenskyy should meet only when an agreement negotiated by their delegations is close.

"It seems that Russia is now more inclined to agree to a ceasefire; the pressure on them is working. But the main thing is that they do not deceive us or the United States in the details," Mr. Zelenskyy said on Wednesday evening.

Mr. Trump's phone call with Mr. Zelenskyy came after U.S. envoy Steve Witkoff met Russian leadership in Moscow earlier in the day for talks described by the Kremlin as "productive" – with Mr. Trump's deadline looming to impose fresh sanctions over Russia's war in Ukraine.

"Great progress was made!" Mr. Trump wrote on his Truth Social platform, adding that afterward he had briefed some European allies. "Everyone agrees this War must come to a close," he said.

Minutes later, however, a senior U.S. official said that "secondary sanctions" were still expected to be implemented in two days' time. U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio said Mr. Witkoff was returning with a ceasefire proposal from Moscow that would have to be discussed with Ukraine and Washington's European allies.

Israel seeks to take control of Gaza, says Netanyahu

Agence France-Presse
Reuters
WASHINGTON/ TEL AVIV

Israel intends to take full control of Gaza but does not want to keep or govern it, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said ahead of a security cabinet meeting on Thursday.

"We intend to," Mr. Netanyahu replied, when asked in a televised *Fox News* interview if Israel will take control of "all of Gaza".

Asked by *Fox News* if Israel would control the entire 26-mile Gaza Strip "as it was 20 years ago," Mr. Netanyahu replied: "Well, we don't want to keep it. We want to have a security perimeter. We don't want to govern it."

"We want to hand it over to Arab forces that will govern it properly without threatening us and giving Gazans a good life. That's not possible with Hamas," he added.

Cabinet meet

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was due to meet with a small group of senior ministers to discuss plans for the military to take control of more territory in Gaza, despite mounting criticism at home and abroad over the nearly two-year-old war there.

Benjamin Netanyahu

Mr. Netanyahu will convene the security cabinet following a three-hour meeting this week with the head of the military, which Israeli officials described as tense, saying the military chief had pushed back on expanding the campaign.

Opinion polls show that most Israelis want the war to end in a deal that would see the release of the remaining hostages. Mr. Netanyahu's government has insisted on total victory over the Palestinian militant group Hamas, which ignited the war with its deadly October 2023 attack on Israel. The idea of Israeli forces pushing into areas they do not already control in the shattered Palestinian enclave has generated alarm in Israel. The mother of one hostage on Thursday urged people to take to the streets to voice their opposition to expanding the campaign.

"Someone who talks about a comprehensive deal doesn't go and conquer the Strip and put hostages and soldiers in danger," Einav Zangauker wrote on X.

Defence Minister Israel Katz said on Wednesday that the military would carry out the government's decisions until all war objectives were achieved. Israeli leaders have long insisted that Hamas be disarmed and have no future role in a demilitarised Gaza.

The UN. has called reports about a possible expansion of Israel's military operations in Gaza "deeply alarming" if true.

On the draw

Trump's broad tariffs go into effect just as the U.S. economic pain is surfacing

Associated Press
WASHINGTON

President Donald Trump began imposing higher import taxes on dozens of countries on Thursday just as the economic fallout of his months-long tariff threats has begun to cause visible damage to the U.S. economy.

Just after midnight, goods from more than 60 countries and the European Union became subject to tariff rates of 10% or higher. Products from the EU, Japan and South Korea are taxed at 15%, while imports from Taiwan, Vietnam and Bangladesh are taxed at 20%. Mr. Trump also expects the EU, Japan and South Korea to invest hundreds of billions of dollars in the United States.

"I think the growth is going to be unprecedented," Mr. Trump said on Wednesday. He said the United States was "taking in hundreds of billions of dollars in tariffs," but did not provide a specific figure for revenues because "we don't even know what the final number is" regarding the rates.

Mr. Trump has promoted the tariffs as a way to reduce America's trade deficit. The lead-up to Thursday fit the slapdash nature of Mr. Trump's tariffs, which have been rolled out, walked back, delayed, raised, and renegotiated.

Lula, Modi agree to defend multilateralism in face of Trump tariffs

Agence France-Presse
BRASÍLIA

The leaders of Brazil and India vowed on Thursday in a telephone call to "defend multilateralism" after U.S. President Donald Trump imposed punishing tariffs on imports from both their countries.

The talks between Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi came a day after Mr. Trump announced 50% tariffs on Indian goods, matching the punishing taxes he has imposed on a raft of Brazilian goods.

Brazil's presidency said that the two leaders had stressed the need "to defend multilateralism and confront the economic challenges" posed by Trump's tariff war.

Mr. Modi, on X, said he was committed to deepening ties with fellow BRICS member Brazil, adding: "A strong people-centric partnership between Global South nations benefits everyone."

A first salvo of 25% tariffs on Indian goods took effect on Thursday.

Sudanese air strike hits Darfur airport, killing 40 'mercenaries'

Associated Press
CAIRO

The strike is described as a 'blatant message' and a 'new equation of deterrence' against foreign interference

A Sudanese air strike hit an airport in the country's Darfur region controlled by a notorious paramilitary group, destroying a suspected Emirati military aircraft and killing dozens of suspected mercenaries, Sudanese officials and a rebel adviser said on Thursday.

Wednesday's strike on the Nyala airport killed at least 40 suspected mercenaries from Colombia and destroyed a shipment of arms and equipment that were sent by the United Arab Emirates to the Rapid Support Forces (RSF), according to two Sudanese military officials and an adviser to a Darfur rebel leader allied with RSF.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to brief the media. The adviser also requested anonymity for his safety.

State-run *Sudan TV* reported the aircraft had taken off from a military base in the Arab Gulf region, and that Sudanese fighter jets struck it when it landed at the Nyala airport. It described the strike as a "blatant message" and a "new equation of deterrence" against foreign interference in Sudan's affairs.

In an emailed response to *Associated Press*, the UAE's Foreign Ministry denied the accusations as "unfounded allegations" that "lack any evidentiary basis". It said the allegations were part of Sudan's government's "ongoing campaign of disinformation and deflection".

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NOTICE

Applications are invited from the eligible candidates for recruitment to the post of Legal Officer and Additional Legal Officers on contractual basis in the Tamil Nadu Forest Department as detailed below:-

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	No. of Vacancies	Qualification	Pay
1	Legal Officer (on contractual basis)	1 (Post in Chennai)	(i) LLB degree from any University, recognized by the Bar Council of India for the purpose of enrollment as an Advocate. (ii) Must be a practicing Advocate for a period of not less than three years.	Rs.40,000/- per month* (consolidated pay) (*-The remuneration may be increased to Rs.75,000/- per month subject to approval of the Government.)
2	Additional Legal Officer (on contractual basis)	3 (2 posts in Chennai and 1 post in Madurai)	(i) LLB degree from any University, recognized by the Bar Council of India for the purpose of enrollment as an Advocate. (ii) Must be a practicing Advocate for a period of not less than three years.	Rs.40,000/- per month* (consolidated pay) (*-The remuneration may be increased to Rs.75,000/- per month subject to approval of the Government.)

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EXPRESSING DELIGHT

It's great for Indian cricket: Kirsten praises Gambhir after drawn series

GETTY IMAGES

India's World Cup-winning former coach Gary Kirsten has expressed his admiration for the manner in which Gautam Gambhir guided the team to a 2-2 draw on the Test tour of England. "It's great for Indian cricket. I'm really pleased for Gambhir as well. Really delighted and pleased for what he's achieved with the team," said Kirsten.

GOOD VIBES

Said sorry for broken foot: Woakes reveals exchange with Pant

GETTY IMAGES

England all-rounder Chris Woakes has revealed he said "sorry" to Rishabh Pant for the delivery that broke his toe during the recent Test series at the end of which he was left quite touched by the Indian's generosity. Both Woakes and Pant became symbols of heroism by coming out to bat despite major injuries.

SEALING IT

Scots beat the Dutch, qualify for ICC under-19 World Cup 2026

X@CRICKETSCOTLAND

Scotland qualified for the ICC under-19 World Cup 2026 to be held in Zimbabwe and Namibia, defeating the Netherlands by 20 runs for an unbeaten record at Forthill on Wednesday. **The scores:** Scotland 237/8 in 50 overs (Plinger 52, de Lange 4/29) bt the Netherlands 217 in 47.1 overs (de Leede 67, Jones 4/41, Saraswat 3/43).

SITTING PRETTY

New Zealand takes control after opening day of second Test

X@ZIMCRICKETV

New Zealand was in command at the end of the opening day's play in the second Test against Zimbabwe in Bulawayo on Thursday. **The scores:** Zimbabwe 125 in 48.5 overs (Taylor 44, Henry 5/40, Foulkes 4/38) vs New Zealand 174/1 in 39 overs (Conway 79 n.o., Young 74). **Toss:** Zimbabwe.

Arjun and Keymer get off to a winning start

The Indian proves too good for Awonder while the German gets the better of Nihal; Vidit rallies to hold van Foreest; Pranav and Karthikeyan share the point as do Anish and Robson

CHESS

C. Shyam Sundar
CHENNAI

Indian ace Arjun Erigaisi began his campaign in the Masters section of the Quantbox Chennai Grandmasters chess tournament here on Thursday with a victory over American Awonder Liang.

German Vincent Keymer posted the only other victory in the Masters event on the opening day of the tournament by getting the better of Indian's Nihal Sarin.

The 21-year-old Arjun, playing with white pieces, obtained an early advantage before breaking down his opponent's defence. The American fumbled in the middle game before resigning after his 49th move.

Cashing in: Arjun obtained an early advantage before breaking down his opponent's defence. R. RAGU

Good beginning...

Speaking after the match, the Indian GM said, "It's nice to start with a win. But of course, the start doesn't necessarily mean much because I had started well in my previous Classical tournament, but didn't finish well.

Keymer and Nihal were involved in an exciting match with the German holding the aces for large parts.

The 20-year-old Keymer took advantage of Nihal's time trouble and took the full point when his opponent resigned after the 51st move.

"I think I was winning kind of completely, and then I messed it up even though I had like 20 minutes against zero. I thought it's best not to get too low on time to not mess it up. But I messed it up exactly by not taking one more move of him," he said.

Vidit Gujrathi managed to recover from an inferior position to share honours with Dutch GM Jorden van Foreest. The all-Indian battle between V. Pranav and Karthikeyan Murali ended in a stalemate after 44 moves while Anish Giri split the point with American Ray Robson.

Three on top

In the Challengers section, there were three decisive results – M. Pranesh defeated Aryan Chopra and Leon Luke Mendonca beat G.B. Harshavardhan, both with white pieces, while Diptayan Ghosh scored over D. Harika when playing with black pieces.

The results (first round):

Masters: Arjun Erigaisi bt Awonder Liang (USA); V. Pranav drew with Karthikeyan Murali. Vincent Keymer (Ger) bt Nihal Sarin; Vidit Gujrathi drew with Jorden van Foreest (Ned); Anish Giri (Ned) drew with Ray Robson (USA).

Challengers: Leon Mendonca bt G.B. Harshavardhan; Abhimanyu Puranik drew with B. Adhiban; R. Vaishali drew with Pa. Iniyan; D. Harika lost to Dipatyan Ghosh; M. Pranesh bt Aryan Chopra.

Second round pairings:

Masters: Karthikeyan vs. Liang, van Foreest vs. Arjun, Robson vs. Vidit, Nihal vs. Giri, Pranav vs. Keymer.

Challengers: Harshavardhan vs. Aryan, Dipatyan vs. Pranesh, Iniyan vs. Harika, Adhiban vs. Vaishali, Mendonca vs. Abhimanyu.

No interim relief to petitioners on BFI elections

Sports Bureau
KOLKATA

Acting on petitions from four state units on Boxing Federation of India (BFI) elections, scheduled for Aug. 21, the Delhi High Court on Thursday posted the matter for hearing along with some previously filed petitions to Aug. 18.

The Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat units challenged the validity of the BFI's newly-adopted constitution, alleging it was ultra vires, undemocratic and framed without the approval of the general body.

They sought an interim stay on the elections and hoped for a direction to appoint a new returning officer, but the High Court did not grant any interim relief while saying that the election results will be subject to the final outcome of the case.

Meanwhile, on the basis of its newly-adopted constitution in May, which has the approval of World Boxing, the interim committee running the BFI rejected the nomination of former Sports Minister Anurag Thakur, who was aspiring to contest against incumbent Ajay Singh for president's post.

Following its previous notification for elections in March, the BFI had also rejected Thakur's nomination on the basis of an order signed by Ajay.

AIFF confirms hosting of Super Cup before ISL

FOOTBALL

Sports Bureau
NEW DELHI

A crucial meeting between the All India Football Federation top brass and representatives of ISL clubs here on Thursday was expected to provide clarity and assurances regarding the future of Indian football. The only tangible outcome was an insistence that the ISL and the Super Cup would be held.

The AIFF has proposed holding the Super Cup ahead of the Indian Super League, tentatively from the second or third week of September, but there is no confirmation on the dates or format of the competition.

With the Master Rights Agreement (MRA) between league organisers Football Sports Development Limited and the AIFF yet to be renewed, there was no talk either on resolving financial issues with the clubs.

Chaubey. AFP

Two-time champion Chennaiyin FC on Wednesday announced a temporary suspension of operations for its first-team players and staff, becoming the third club after Bengaluru FC and Odisha FC to do so. The current MRA is set to expire on December 8 with no clarity for the time being on its extension or signing a new one.

"The AIFF and all the clubs collectively decided that, if required, we can modify the format of the tournament to save cost on logistics and other areas," AIFF president Kalyan Choubey said, adding that the topic of suspension of operations by teams was not discussed.

"Some clubs are yet to start their pre-season, once that happens, normalcy will return. We will meet again in 7 to 10 days to further discuss the details, and hopefully we will have a confirmed kick-off date by then," he added.

NorthEast United FC CEO Mandar Tamhane and his FC Goa counterpart Ravi Puskur were present but were unwilling to add much. "We have just finished the meeting and need some time to process everything," was all they said.

Five Indian men in under-19 Asian boxing championships semifinals

Press Trust of India
BANGKOK

Five Indian male pugilists joined seven women compatriots in the semifinals of the under-19 Asian Boxing Championships after registering convincing victories in their respective weight categories here on Thursday. Shivam (55kg), Mausam Suhag (65kg), Rahul Kundu (75kg), Gaurav (85kg) and Hemant Sangwan (90kg) won in style to ensure that India will come back with 12 medals from the u-19 category.

India is also assured of 13 medals in the u-22 category with five boxers set to fight for the top honours.

The results (quarterfinals):

55kg: Shivam bt Abdulaziz Abdunazarov (Uzb); **65kg:** Mausam bt Mukhammed Alimbekov (Kgz); **75kg:** Rahul bt Eunjo Jeong (Kor); **85kg:** Gaurav bt Kuang-Yao Cheng (Tpe).

90kg: Hemant bt Muhammadrizo Siddikov (Uzb); **90+kg:** Abbas Gharshasb (Iri) bt Krish.

Konstas in Australia-A team for tour of India

Agence France-Presse
SYDNEY

Struggling Test opener Sam Konstas was named on Thursday for Australia-A's red-ball tour of India next month, with chief selector George Bailey saying the experience will be invaluable.

The 19-year-old, who had a horror time during Australia's recent senior tour of the West Indies, was the only incumbent Test player selected for two four-day games in Lucknow. A separate Australia-A squad was named for three one-day games.

Australia-A squads: Four-day: Xavier Bartlett, Cooper Connolly, Jack Edwards, Aaron Hardie, Campbell Kellaway, Sam Konstas, Nathan McSweeney, Lance Morris, Todd Murphy, Fergus O'Neill, Oliver Peake, Josh Philippe, Corey Rocchiccioli, and Liam Scott.

One-day: Connolly, Harry Dixon, Edwards, Sam Elliott, Jake Fraser-McGurk, Hardie, Mackenzie Harvey, Todd Murphy, Tanveer Sangha, Scott, Lachie Shaw, Tom Straker, Will Sutherland, and Callum Vidler.

The training has been super beneficial, says Peake

S. Prasanna Venkatesan
CHENNAI

Oliver Peake, only 18, is a precocious southpaw who's a bright prospect for the Australia Test and white-ball squads.

Having won the under-19 World Cup last year, Peake travelled to Sri Lanka as a development player with the Test squad in January. He scored a gritty 52 off 168 balls to bail out Victoria from five for two on a wickedly seaming WACA pitch under grey skies on his First-Class debut against Western Australia in the Sheffield Shield in March. He then hit an unbeaten 55 off 38 balls on his List-A debut and a 92 off 178 balls in only his second match for Australia-A versus Sri Lanka-A in July. No wonder, he was named in the Australia-A squad touring India in September on Thursday.

"Tim Paine (Australia-A coach) actually told me that I was going to to India when I was playing against Sri Lanka-A. That was exciting when he said that," he said here on Thursday.

Talented teen: Peake has given ample proof of his prowess in recent times. AKHILA EASWARAN

Peake's part of a 12-man Australia team currently training at the MRF Academy here. The team, having arrived on July 31, will fly back on August 12.

"I've picked up heaps of stuff in the last few days. The training has been really intense and super beneficial. I'm currently in the process of trying out different stuff – getting lower in my stance, different sweep shots (including reverse), defending more off the back foot, and scoring off the back foot a lot more.

"So, I'm just trying to sort of find ways to mitigate risk and score quickly when the conditions are really extreme. I'm trying to be really proactive on my feet to the best I can," he said.

Jason Sangha, who captained him versus Sri Lanka-A, has praised him as being "emotionally mature" for an 18-year-old. Peake credited his father Clinton Peake, former Victoria and Australia u-19 captain, for his temperament.

"I think it's been trained along the journey. Like, I reckon that's probably my best skill in cricket – the mental skills. I think dad has been a massive help."

Indian Navy FT held to a draw by NEROCA; Sporting registers a win

DURAND CUP

Sports Bureau

Indian Navy FT earned a crucial point by playing a goalless draw against NEROCA FC in a Group-F match of 134th Durand Cup tournament at the Khuman Lampak Main Stadium in Imphal.

Both teams had several scoring opportunities but failed to find the finishing touch to see the match ending in a stalemate.

The result saw Indian Navy reaching the top of the group standings with four points from a win and a draw while NEROCA remained in third spot with two points earned from as many draws.

With Real Kashmir placed second (three points from its two outings), the group standings will be decided in the final round action next week.

Bouncing back

In Group-B, Mohammedan Sporting secured a win after successive losses by downing Border Security Force FC 3-0 in Kolkata.

Sharp-shooter: Maxion's double strike powered Mohammedan Sporting. DEBASISH BHADURI

Mohammedan Sporting, which had lost its previous two matches against Diamond Harbour FC and Mohun Bagan Super Giant (both currently on six points each), went ahead early against BSF when Sajal Bag scored a penalty in the fifth minute.

Forward Maharabam Maxion struck twice in a span of nine minutes to complete the tally for Sporting by the 30th minute. Sporting ended its campaign with three points while BSF lost all its matches.

The results: Group-B (Kolkata): Mohammedan Sporting 3 (Sajal Bag 5-pen, Maharabam Maxion 21, 30) bt BSF 0.

Group-F (Imphal): Indian Navy FT 0 drew with NEROCA 0.

INBRIEF

Maddison to undergo surgery for ruptured ACL

England midfielder James Maddison will undergo surgery for a ruptured ACL, Tottenham said on Thursday. Maddison was injured during Spurs' preseason friendly against Newcastle in Seoul. No timeframe was given for his recovery. Recovery from ACL surgery can take between 6-12 months, meaning Maddison is likely to miss the majority of the upcoming season, which starts next week.

Tanvi Khanna and Nour Khafagy in title clash

Tanvi Khanna sailed past fourth seed Goh Zhi Xuan of Malaysia 11-8, 11-8, 11-4 to set up a title clash against top seed Nour Khafagy of Egypt in the HCL Tour PSA Challenger squash tournament in Jaipur on Thursday.

The results: Semifinals: Men: Yassin Shohdy (Egy) bt Seif Refaay (Egy) 11-8, 11-7, 11-7; Mohamed Gohar (Egy) bt Ravindu Laksiri (Sri) 12-10, 9-11, 11-7, 12-14, 11-6. **Women:** Nour Khafagy (Egy) bt Akari Midorikawa (Jpn) 11-6, 7-11, 11-8, 11-6; Tanvi Khanna bt Goh Zhi Xuan (Mas) 11-8, 11-8, 11-4.

Indian cagers go down to China in Asia Cup

India lost to a higher-ranked China 100-69 in a Group-C clash of the FIBA Asia Cup men's basketball championship in Jeddah on Thursday. The defeat has diminished India's chances of entering the quarterfinals. India has to win its last group match against Saudi Arabia on August 9 to entertain any chances of reaching the knockouts.

The result: China 100 (Mingxuan Hu 17, Jiayi Zhao 17) bt India 69 (Arvind Muthu Krishnan 16).

Abhishek and Madhura among the top archers

Abhishek Verma and Madhura Dhamangaonkar emerged as the top Indian compound male and female archers in individual qualification rounds of the World Games at Chengdu (China) on Thursday. Abhishek shot 710 points to take the fifth place among men, while Madhura collected 705 to be third among women. In mixed team, India claimed the top spot with 1415 points due to Abhishek and Madhura's fine showing. In individual rankings, Abhishek was followed by Rishabh Yadav (10th, 707) and Rakesh Kumar (19th, 699). Parneet Kaur, the other Indian woman in fray, was 12th with 695 points.

Indonesia holds India goalless in AFC u-20 women's qualifier

India was held to a goalless draw by Indonesia in its opening Group D match of the AFC u-20 Women's Asian Cup 2026 Qualifiers in Yangon on Wednesday. The Young Tigresses have one point in the group, which is currently topped by host Myanmar, which defeated Turkmenistan 6-1.

Riya Bhatia in quarterfinals of Austrian ITF event

Qualifier Riya Bhatia fought past Ekaterina Perelygina 2-6, 7-5, 7-6(6) in the pre-quarterfinals of the $60,000 ITF women's tennis tournament in Amstetten, Austria, on Thursday.

Other results:
$100,000 Challenger, Chicago, USA: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Anirudh Chandrasekar & Ramkumar Ramanathan bt Yu Hsiou Hsu & Tsung-Hao Huang (Tpe) 7-6(3), 5-7, [10-7]; Cleeve Harper (Can) & Dhakshineswar Suresh bt George Goldhoff (USA) & Ray Ho (Tpe) 6-3, 6-4.
€91,250 Challenger, Grodzisk Mazowiecki, Poland: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Prajwal Dev & Nitin Kumar Sinha bt Tomasz Berkieta & Mateusz Lange (Pol) 2-6, 7-6(3), [12-10]; David Poljak (Czh) & Aoran Wang (Chn) bt Jan Jermar (Cze) & Parikshit Somani 6-3, 7-6(2).
$30,000 ITF men, Bali, Indonesia: Pre-quarterfinals): Yusuke Takahashi (Jpn) bt Sidharth Rawat 6-7(3), 6-4, 7-5; Leo Borg (Swe) bt Karan Singh 6-3, 7-6(3); Yanki Erel (Tur) bt Ajay Malik 6-2, 6-4; S Mukund bt Max Basing (GBr) 6-3, 6-3.
Doubles (quarterfinals): Alexander Chang (USA) & Anthony Susanto (Ina) bt Yanki Erel (Tur) & Karan Singh 1-6, 6-4, [10-7].
$30,000 ITF men, Monastir, Tunisia: Pre-quarterfinals: Manas Dhamne bt David Petrovic (BIH) 6-2, 6-1.
$30,000 ITF men, Brazzaville, Congo: Pre-quarterfinals: Digvijay Pratap Singh bt Seydina Andre (Sen) 7-6(8), 4-6, 6-3.
Doubles (quarterfinals): Bor Artnak (Slo) & Stefan Vujic (Aus) bt Aditya Balsekar & Stephane Kamendje (Can) 6-2, 6-3.

LIVE TELECAST

Zimbabwe vs NZ: 2nd Test, day 2, FanCode, 1.30 p.m.
Football: Durand Cup, Sony Sports Ten 2 & LIV, 4 & 7 p.m.
Tennis: Cincinnati Open, Sony Sports Ten 2 & LIV, 8.30 p.m.
West Indies vs Pakistan: 1st ODI, FanCode, 11.30 p.m.

Dominant Velammal MHSS wins World Schools Team championship

The Chennai institution posts an all-win record over eight rounds; Pranav, who played as a reserve, won the board medal for scoring full points

CHESS

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

The victorious team beat schools from Mongolia, Hungary, Austria, USA, two from Kazakhstan, Sri Lanka, and Uzbekistan

Velammal MHS School (Chennai) with 16 match points won the FIDE World Schools Team chess championship held in Alexandria, USA on Wednesday.

Kazakhstan's National School of Physics and Mathematics (12) and USA's The Harker School came second and third respectively with the former winning on the tie-breaker after both finished with 12 match points.

The triumphant team members, coached by non-playing captain S. Velavan, were: WFM Keerti Shree Reddy, IM S. Aswath, FM Daakshin Arun, IM A.R. Ilamparithi, FM K.P. Pranav. Pranav, playing as a reserve on board five, scored full points out of eight rounds.

The Velammal team defeated schools from Mongolia, Hungary, Austria, USA, two teams from Kazakhstan, Sri Lanka, and Uzbekistan to remain unbeaten across eight rounds.

The winning squad received a trophy and all the players got a diploma.

The tournament saw participation from over 250 players and 55 top school teams from around the globe.

FIDE said the triumph for Velammal School added another chapter to India's "growing collection" of titles.

"With India continuing to make waves across all levels and formats of chess, this victory adds yet another title to the country's growing collection," it said.

Champion outfit: The Velammal team's non-playing captain Velavan, Ilamparthi, Pranav, Daakshin, Aswath, and Keerti Shree with FIDE president Dvorkovich, left, after receiving their awards. FIDE

Maharaja Trophy matches shifted from Chinnaswamy Stadium to Mysuru

CRICKET

N. Sudarshan
BENGALURU

The final of the ongoing KSCA Maharani Trophy scheduled for August 10 at the Chinnaswamy Stadium is expected to be played at the Alur Grounds in the city's outskirts
The development calls into question the conduct of the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup matches in the Garden City

Big-ticket cricketing activities in Bengaluru suffered a jolt on Thursday as organisers of the Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 (August 11 to 28) announced the shifting of all matches from M. Chinnaswamy Stadium to Mysuru.

The decision comes two weeks after the Justice (Retd.) Michael D'Cunha Commission report – inquiring into the June 4 stampede outside the Stadium that caused 11 deaths during Royal Challengers Bengaluru's Indian Premier League title-winning celebrations – declared Karnataka cricket's nerve-centre "unsafe for mass gatherings" in its present state.

Police deny permission
With the investigation ongoing, and the case related to the tragedy being heard in the Karnataka High Court, it is understood that the Bengaluru city police denied permission for Maharaja Trophy games here. Calls to KSCA president Raghuram Bhat and joint-secretary Shavir Tarapore went unanswered.

Sources said that the breach of fire-safety regulations that led to BESCOM cutting off power supply to the Stadium and the start of the monsoon session of the Karnataka legislature from August 11 were also cited as reasons.

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Four fixtures, including the tournament-opener between India and Sri Lanka on September 30, a league-stage tie between India and Bangladesh on October 26 and one of two semifinals on October 30 are scheduled to be held here.

Interestingly, the International Cricket Council announced the full schedule just over 10 days after the stampede.

On July 11, the organisers had announced that the Maharaja Trophy would be held behind closed doors even in Bengaluru.

Mysuru too will have no fans in attendance.

First time
In fact, it is the first time in three years that the tournament will feature contests played outside the State capital, and only the third time in 12 seasons of Karnataka's flagship T20 competition – after 2015 and 2016 – that the entire tournament will be held outside Bengaluru.

In 2023 and 2024, it had become a Bengaluru-only affair because of broadcasters' push and the presence of the state-of-the-art drainage system that comes in handy during the Southwest monsoon.

SNAPSHOTS

Annu Rani breaches 60m mark in triumph
SZCZECIN (POLAND): National record holder Annu Rani registered her first 60m-plus throw in more than a year as she won the javelin title at the eighth International Wiesław Maniak Memorial meet on Wednesday.
Annu sent her spear to a season best of 62.59m to take the gold in the World Athletics Continental Tour bronze level meet.
She holds the national record of 63.82m, which she achieved in 2022. She began with a 60.95m effort before achieving her best of the day – 62.59m – on her second throw. She had a throw of 60.07m in her final attempt.

Narain to race in Asian Le Mans
CHENNAI: Narain Karthikeyan will take part in the Asian Le Mans series alongside Tamil movie star Ajith Kumar for the latter's eponymous racing operation Ajith Kumar Racing. The Asian Le Mans Series is a sportscar racing endurance series, which begins in December.
The 2025-26 championship will have three rounds – 4 Hours of Sepang (December 12-14), 4 Hours of Dubai (January 29-February 1) and 4 Hours of Abu Dhabi (February 6-8).

Angad in sole lead
AHMEDABAD: Angad Cheema shot a three-under 69 in the third round to lead the field with an overall 11-under 205 in the ₹1 crore Coal India Open on Thursday.
A champion of the last PGTI event in April this year, the 35-year-old Angad had a bogey on the 10th but followed with four birdies, to gain a one-shot lead over overnight leader Amardeep Malik.
Udayan Mane continued to be spectacular with his second successive round of 66, a remarkable change of fortunes after a 78 in the first round. One of the leaders in the first round, Karandeep Kochhar had a three-under 69 to be third.
The scores (third round):
1. Angad Cheema (69, 67, 69) 205; 2. Amardeep Malik (69, 65, 72) 206; 3. Karandeep Kochhar (69, 70, 69) 208; 4T. Udayan Mane (78, 66, 66), Arjun Prasad (71, 70, 69) 210; 6T. Jamal Hossain (75, 67, 69), Yuvraj Sandhu (70, 70, 71); Shaurya Bhattacharya (71, 66, 74) 211; 9. Anshul Kabthiyal (69, 73, 71) 213; 10. Rakshit Dahiya (72, 71, 71) 214; 11T. Om Prakash Chauhan (70, 74, 71), Manoj S (70, 71, 74) 215; 13T. Varun Parikh (74, 70, 72), Chandarjeet Yadav (73, 71, 72), Abhinav Lohan (71, 72, 73), Mohd. Azhar (73, 69, 74) 216.

Gill to lead North in Duleep Trophy

Sports Bureau
NEW DELHI

Having enjoyed a stupendous run with the bat on the just-concluded tour of England in his first Test series as India captain, Shubman Gill's next assignment will be as North Zone skipper in the Duleep Trophy starting on August 28 in Bengaluru.

With the event concluding on September 15, it will clash with the Asia Cup that is slated to begin on September 9 in the UAE. If Gill is picked in India's T20I team for the tournament, Services' Shubham Rohilla will replace him.

The squads: North: Shubman Gill (capt.), Ankit Kumar (vice-capt.), Shubham Khajuria, Ayush Badoni, Yash Dhull, Ankit Kalsi, Nishant Sindhu, Sahil Lotra, Mayank Dagar, Yudhvir Singh Charak, Arshdeep Singh, Harshit Rana, Anshul Kamboj, Auqib Nabi, Kanhaiya Wadhawan.
Central: Dhruv Jurel (capt. & wk); Rajat Patidar (vice-capt.), Aryan Juyal (wk), Ayush Pandey, Danish Malewar, Shubham Sharma, Sanchit Desai, Yash Rathod, Kuldeep Yadav, Harsh Dubey, Aditya Thakre, Manav Suthar, Deepak Chahar, Khaleel Ahmed and Saransh Jain. **Standbyes:** Mahipal Lomror, Yash Thakur, Madhav Kaushik, Kuldeep Sen, Yuvraj Chaudhary, Upendra Yadav (wk).

KARNATAKA ROUND-UP

Shubha, Rachitha shine
BENGALURU: Shubha Satheesh top-scored with 47 and Rachitha Hatwar came up with an unbeaten 39 as Mysore Warriors defeated Mangaluru Dragons by eight wickets in the KSCA Maharani Trophy at the Alur grounds on Thursday.
The day's opening encounter between Hubli Tigers and Kalyani Bengaluru Blasters was called off because of overnight rain and wet outfield.
The scores: Mangaluru Dragons 97/5 in 11 overs (C.U. Inchara 37 n.o.) lost to Mysore Warriors 98/2 in 10.3 overs (Shubha Satheesh 47, Rachitha Hatwar 39 n.o.). Match reduced to 11 overs because of wet outfield.
On Wednesday: Hubli Tigers 163/5 in 20 overs (Krishika Reddy 32, Nandani Chauhan 39, Monica C. Patel 44 n.o.) bt Mangaluru Dragons 128/8 in 20 overs (Liyanka Shetty 46, B.G. Tejashwini 4/26).
Mysore Warriors 140/6 in 20 overs (Shubha Satheesh 64, Gowda Kusuma Nagaraju 32) bt Shivamogga Lioness 113/7 in 20 overs (Roshini Kiran 41).

Karnataka in final
Karnataka will meet Kerala in the girls water polo final of the 51st junior National championships. The hosts beat Odisha 21-12 while Kerala defeated Maharashtra 14-4.
Other results: Semifinals:
Boys: Bengal bt Karnataka 15-13; Maharashtra bt Kerala 18-16.

Ruling the pool: Karnataka, the overall champion in the junior National aquatics championships in Ahmedabad. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Shubham triumphs
Shubham Trivedi beat Atharva Nawarange 12-10, 11-6, 11-9 in the under-17 boys' final of the State-ranking table tennis tournament.
Other results (finals):
Boys: U-15: Vedant Vashisht bt M. Tamoghna 12-14, 7-11, 11-9, 14-12, 14-12.
U-13: M. Siddhanth bt Arnav Mithun 11-7, 11-8, 11-8.
Girls: U-15: Tanishka Kapil Kalbhairav bt Raashi V. Rao 14-12, 11-6, 13-11.

Vaibhav bowls Vijaya CC to victory
Vaibhav Kuribagi scalped four wickets (4/7) as Vijaya CC, Malur thrashed Chintamani Sports Association by 84 runs in the KSCA T20 tournament for G. Kasturirangan Memorial Trophy.
The scores:
Vijaya, Malur 171/7 in 20 overs (Premnath J. Gode 48, D. Suraj 31, Yashmith K. Gowda 3/32) bt Chintamani SA 87 in 15.3 overs (Vaibhav Kuribagi 4/7).
Bharath 150/9 in 20 overs (Puneeth S. Pai 59, B.P. Manish 3/26, Prathyush G. Shetty 3/19) bt Whirlwind Cricketers 128 in 19.4 overs (Sai Susheel Reddy 59, Vivek Singh 4/16).
Young Lions Club 152/6 in 20 overs (S. Vinay Radha 79, V. Sharath 31) bt Minerva 105 in 17.3 overs (Arnav Arun Bharadwaj 32, Vikram Ananth 3/18).
Sir Syed Cricketers 175/5 in 20 overs (Luvnith Sisodia 64, Nikin Jose 38, Vidyadhar Patil 3/29) bt Vijaya 113 in 16.5 overs (Samit Dravid 30, Vidwath Kaverappa 3/15).
Friends Union (2) 106 in 20 overs (L. Gagan 3/25, Ajay Gouda 3/15) lost to Palar SC, Kolar 107/6 in 14.4 overs (Abu 50 n.o.).
Malleswaram Gymkhana 180/5 in 20 overs (Ashutosh D. Hiremath 55, Vaasav Venkatesh 42) bt Cavaliers 164/7 in 20 overs (Vishnu G. Goudar 34, Mohammed Azharuddin 34, L. Yashwant Reddy 3/29).
Social Cricketers 169/5 in 20 overs (Akshan Rao 59, S.H. Swaroop 40) bt Jawahar SC (1) 94/6 in 20 overs (Vedanth Iyer 30).
BUCC (1) 174/5 in 20 overs (M. Venkatesh 66, Liyan Khan 51) bt Jawans 163/8 in 20 overs (S. Toufeeq 70, Sumit Kumar 35, J. Mahendra Kumar 3/26).
The Bangalore Cricketers 167/6 in 20 overs (D.S. Bhushan 39, R. Akshay 55) bt Jayanagar United Cricketers 116 in 19.2 overs (G. Ravi 32, Manjunath 3/16, D. Bharath 3/16).
Cambridge 173/4 in 20 overs (A. Abhay Rangan 100 n.o.) bt Hammonds 49 in 13 overs (S. Chethan 3/5).
FUCC (1) 128/9 in 20 overs (Sidharth Akhil 47, Nischith Pai 4/27) lost to Swastic Union (1) 130/3 in 14.3 overs (Prakhar Chaturvedi 38, Siddharth 48).

Palak 'tricks as Bengaluru FC wins big
Palak scored a hat-trick as Bengaluru FC thrashed Pink Panther 5-0 in the Karnataka Women's League on Thursday.
The results:
BFC 5 (Palak 10, 23, 32, Ruthu Sreenandan 20, Rheanna Liz Jacob 35) bt Pink Panther 0; Pass FC 2 (Ruksar Banu 21, Jyoti 85) bt United FC Kodagu 1 (E. Theertha Lakshmi 43).

Narrow win for BCYA-B
BCYA-B edged out Hoysala Hockey Academy 2-1 in the DS Murthy Memorial Hockey Tournament here on Thursday.
The result:
BCYA-B 2 (Prakash 13, Samuel 27) bt Hoysala 1 (Dinesh Kumar 27).

Karnataka is champion
Karnataka emerged the overall champion in the 51st junior National aquatics that concluded in Ahmedabad on Thursday.
Karnataka also bagged the boys and girls' Group I and II team championships.
S. Dhakshan was adjudged the best swimmer in boys' Group I while Tanishi Gupta won the top prize in the girls' Group I category.

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DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & VETERINARY SERVICES,

Office of the Commissioner, Pashupaalana Bhavana, 1st Floor, Opp. to CBI Office, Bellary Road, Hebbal, Bengaluru - 560 024.
Email : jdfarmsahvs@gmail.com **Ph:** 080-23412767

No: CAH/Feed/Re-Tender/Viva-1/2025-26 **Dated: 07-08-2025**

SHORT TERM RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION
(KPP portal mode only)

The Commissioner Of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Government Of Karnataka, Bangalore, hereby invites Tender through KPP Portal from eligible tenderers for Supply of Cattle Feed for the year 2025-26. Approximate Tender Amount is **Rs.250 Lakhs.**

Complete tender documents can be viewed by visiting KPP Portal website from **07-08-2025** and tenderers can upload all the necessary documents through KPP Portal from Dt: **07-08-2025 to Dt: 14-08-2025 till 5.30p.m.**

Further information can be obtained from KPP Portal and concerned officer in this office during office hours.

Sd/- Deputy Director (Fodder & Dairy), & Member Secretary, Tender Inviting Committee, Department Of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services,

DIPR/CP/2239/Zen/2025-26

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No:CAH/VMS/CR- 24/ALP/TENDER/2025-26 **Date:07.08.2025**

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(KPP portal mode only)

The Commissioner Of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Government Of Karnataka, Bangalore, hereby invites Bids through KPP Portal from eligible Bidders for Supply of Animal Lifting Aparatus for the year 2025-26. for which the Tendered Amount is **Rs.125.00 Lakhs.**

Complete tender documents can be viewed by visiting website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from Dt: **07.08.2025** and tenderers can upload all the necessary documents through KPP portal from **07.08.2025 to 08.09.2025 till 17.30 hours.**

Further information can be obtained from KPP Portal and concerned officer in this office during office hours.

Sd/- Deputy Director, Veterinary Medical Stores, Department Of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services,

DIPR/CP/2246/NR/2025-26

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited

(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal only)

No.: KPTCL/HRDC/Civil/B76/57398/2024-25 **Date: 07.08.2025**

KPTCL invites Tender for Day-to-Day Operation & Maintenance of Hostel & Other accommodation rooms, Laundry Services and providing Catering Services at Human Resource Development Centre, KPTCL, Hoody, Bengaluru **(Call-2).** Estimated Cost: **Rs.1,55,85,000/- per annum** (including GST).

Tenders will be received through KPP Portal only. The details about participating in tender can be got by logging on to Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **4:00 PM of 12.08.2025.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Administrator,
KPTCL, Human Resources Development Centre,
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ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಕೃ.ಉ.ಮಾ.ಸ.(ಮದ್ದೂರು)/124/2025–26
ದಿ:23–07–2025.

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಸಮಿತಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ಗುಡಿಗೆರೆ ಉಪ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಪ್ರಾಂಗಣದಲ್ಲಿ 2024–25ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಆಯ–ವ್ಯಯ ಭಾಷಣದ ಕಂಡಿಕೆ 71 ರಂತೆ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಗುಡಿಗೆರೆ ಉಪ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಪ್ರಾಂಗಣದಲ್ಲಿ 80 ಮೆ.ಟನ್ ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯದ ವಿದ್ಯುನ್ಮಾನ ತೂಕದ ಯಂತ್ರ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.52,43,846=20 ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.1,04,900=00 ಸದರಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಪೂರ್ಣಗೊಳಿಸಲು 03 ತಿಂಗಳ ಅವಧಿ(ಮಳೆಗಾಲ ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ) ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರುಗಳಿಂದ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in, ರಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧಾತ್ಮಕ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು Standard Tender Documents KW-3 Clause-3 (with latest amendments) ಷರತ್ತುಗಳನ್ವಯ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಪ್ರೀ ಬಿಡ್ ಮೀಟಿಂಗ್ ದಿನಾಂಕ:22.08.2025, ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ತಾಂತ್ರಿ & ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ:26.08.2025 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 5–00 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ, ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 28.08.2025 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ, ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 30.08.2025 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ನಿಗಧಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಷರತ್ತುಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ರಜಾ ದಿನಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ ಸಮಿತಿ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in ವೈಬ್ ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಕಛೇರಿ ವಿಳಾಸಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯಾದಲ್ಲಿ ವೈಬ್ ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/–ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ(ಪ) **ಸಹಿ/–ಆಡಳಿತಾಧಿಕಾರಿ**
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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Padmanabhanagara Division, Opp. to Sagar Hospital, Kumaraswamy Layout, Bengaluru - 560 078.

No: EE(PN)/TEND/08/2025-26 **Date: 06.08.2025**

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two Tender Document System) STD-KW-2 & 3

(Through **GOK** KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** only)

The Executive Engineer, Padmanabhanagara Division, BBMP, Bengaluru invites Tenders from eligible Contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/Railways/MES or any State Government Organizations for the constructions of works detailed in the table below.

Sl No.	Name of the works/Category
1.	Improvements to Roads and Drains at 18th Main, 22nd A Cross and 14th Main in BSK 2nd Stage in Ward No-190 Devagiri Temple Ward (Old Ward No- 166). (2nd Call) - SC Approx.Value of Work: ₹.45.00 Lakhs, EMD: ₹.45,000/-
2.	Improvements to CC Road at C.T. Bed road from SWD Service Road to Om Shakthi Temple in Ward No-189 Ganesha Mandira Ward. (2nd Call) - Others Approx.Value of Work: ₹.75.00 Lakhs, EMD: ₹.1,50,000/-
3.	Improvements to roads and drains at Bhuvaneshwarinagara. Anjaneya Swamy Temple Road surrounding areas in Ward No-194 Chikkalasandra. (2nd Call) - Others Approx.Value of Work: ₹.50.00 Lakhs, EMD: ₹.1,00,000/-
4.	Improvements to roads and drains at Dattathreyanagara. Hosakerehalli and surrounding areas in Ward No-195 Hosakerehalli. (2nd Call) - SC Approx.Value of Work: ₹.75.00 Lakhs, EMD: ₹.75,000/-
5.	Improvements to Roads and drains and Construction of CC roads at Dattatreyanagara. Hosakerehalli BDA Layout and surrounding area in Ward No-195 Hosakerehalli (Old Ward No-161). (2nd Call) - SC Approx.Value of Work: ₹.80.00 Lakhs, EMD: ₹.80,000/-
6.	Improvements to roads and drains at JHBCS Layout and surrounding areas in Ward No-192 Kumaraswamy Layout. (2nd Call) - Others Approx.Value of Work: ₹.75.00 Lakhs, EMD: ₹.1,50,000/-
7.	Improvements to roads and drains at 16th, 17th Main and 58th Cross of Kumaraswamy Layout 2nd Stage in Ward No-192 Kumaraswamy Layout. (2nd Call) - Others Approx.Value of Work: ₹.50.00 Lakhs, EMD: ₹.1,00,000/-
8.	Improvements to Road and Drain at 89th Cross Pipeline road from Dayananda Sagar College to ISRO Layout bus stop in Ward No-192 Kumaraswamy Layout (Old Ward No-181). (2nd Call) - ST Approx.Value of Work: ₹.95.00 Lakhs, EMD: ₹.95,000/-
9.	Improvements to roads, drains and culverts at 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th Main Road and 2nd. 4th Cross of BHCS Layout in Ward No-193 Padmanabhanagara. (2nd Call) - Others Approx.Value of Work: ₹.60.00 Lakhs, EMD: ₹.1,20,000/-
10.	Improvements to roads and drains at Dodda Gowdanapalya Main Road in Ward No-193 Padmanabhanagara. (2nd Call) - Others Approx.Value of Work: ₹.50.00 Lakhs, EMD: ₹.1,00,000/-
11.	Improvements to drains at Padmanabhanagara 11th,12th, 13th, 14th.15th, 16th Main Road and surrounding areas in Ward No-193 Padmanabhanagara (Old Ward No-182) (2nd Call) - ST Approx.Value of Work: ₹.45.00 Lakhs, EMD: ₹.45,000/-

Calendar of Events : (1) Tenders must be submitted online through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement portal on or before **21.08.2025** at **4:00** pm. (2) Pre bid meeting will be held on **18.08.2025** at **3:00** pm (3) Technical Bids will be opened on **22.08.2025** at **4:05** pm.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Padmanabhanagara Division

PUBLIC NOTICE

Manyata Promoters Private Limited, having its registered office at 12th Floor, Pinnacle Tower, Embassy One 8, Bellary Road, Ganganagar, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore-560032, is the owner of **(i)** 44,536 square feet of undivided ownership, right, title, interest in the Land (*defined below*), and office space measuring 1,44,736 square feet of super built area and 123 covered car parking spaces in Phase I of '*MFAR Manyata Tech Park*' ("**Project**") (collectively, "**Phase I Property**"); and **(ii)** 71,080 square feet of undivided ownership, right, title, interest in the Land, and office space measuring 2,31,000 square feet of super built area and 299 car parking spaces consisting of 274 covered car parking spaces and 25 surface car parking spaces in Phase IV of the Project (collectively, "**Phase IV Property**"), the Project being constructed on land admeasuring 12 acres 20 guntas comprised in Survey nos. 114/2(part), 114/3(part), 114/4(part), 114/5, 115/1(part), 115/2, 115/3, 116/3(part), 116/4, 116/5, 116/6, 117/1, 121/1(part), 121/2, 122, 123/1A, 1B(part) and 123/2 situated at Nagavara Village, Kasaba, Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk ("**Land**"). The Land is more particularly described in the **First Schedule** and the Phase I Property and Phase IV Property are more particularly described in the **Second Schedule**. The Phase I Property and Phase IV Property are, hereinafter, collectively, referred to as the "**Property**".

NOTICE is hereby given that we have been instructed to investigate the right, title and interest of Manyata Promoters Private Limited to the Property. All persons having or claiming any share, right, title, estate, claim or interest against or to the Property or any part thereof whether by way of sale, transfer, exchange, assignment, lease, sub-lease, tenancy, sub-tenancy, leave and license, license, mortgage, inheritance, share, gift, devise, lien, charge, compensation, maintenance, easement, trust, beneficiary/ies, possession, release, relinquishment or by way of any other method through any agreement, deed, document, writing, conveyance deed, development agreement, letter of intent, bequest, succession, family arrangement/settlement, litigation, decree or court order of any court of law, any contracts, or encumbrance or otherwise howsoever, are required to make the same known, in writing and along with documentary proof, to the undersigned at his office at JSA Advocates and Solicitors, 18th Floor, SKAV 909, No. 9/1, Residency Road, Richmond Circle, Bengaluru – 560025 with all notices marked to the attention of Mr. Karthik B.M at karthik.bm@jsalaw.com, within 14 calendar days from the date of publication thereof, failing which it shall be presumed that there are no claims, rights, title, estate or interest and that claims, rights, title, estate or interest, if any, shall be disregarded and shall be deemed to have been waived or abandoned.

FIRST SCHEDULE
Description of the Land

All that piece and parcel of land admeasuring 12 acres 20 guntas comprised in Survey nos. 114/2(part), 114/3(part), 114/4(part), 114/5, 115/1(part), 115/2, 115/3, 116/3(part), 116/4, 116/5, 116/6, 117/1, 121/1(part), 121/2, 122, 123/1A, 1B(part) and 123/2 situated at Nagavara Village, Kasaba, Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and bounded as follows:

On or towards the North : Part of Embassy Manyata Business Park (previously known as Manyata Tech Park)
On or towards the South : Part of Embassy Manyata Business Park (previously known as Manyata Tech Park)
On or towards the East : M S Ramaiah residential layout
On or towards the West : Internal Road of Embassy Manyata Business Park (previously known as Manyata Tech Park)

SECOND SCHEDULE
Description of Phase I Property

(a) the office space being the entire building known as 'Phase I' of the Project, measuring 1,44,736 square feet of super built-up area comprised of (i) 48,141 square feet of super built-up area i.e. the entire ground floor, (ii) 47,321 square feet of super built-up area i.e. the entire first floor, and (iii) 49,274 square feet of super built-up area i.e. the entire second floor; (b) 123 covered car parking spaces in the said Phase I of the Project; and (c) 44,536 square feet of undivided ownership, right, title, interest in the Land described in the first schedule.

Description of Phase IV Property

(a) the office space measuring an extent of (i) 85,093 square feet of super built-up area i.e. the entire sixth floor of the building known as 'Phase IV' of the Project; (ii) an extent of 89,378 square feet of super built-up area i.e. the entire seventh floor of the said Phase IV of the Project; (iii) 56,529 square feet of super built-up area i.e. a part of the eighth floor of the said Phase IV of the Project, totally measuring 2,31,000 square feet of super built up area; (b) a total of 299 car parking spaces comprised of 274 covered car parking spaces and 25 surface car parking spaces in Phase IV of the Project; and (c) 71,080 square feet of undivided ownership, right, title, interest in the Land described in the first schedule.

Date : 08-08-2025
Place : Bengaluru

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1) Notification No & Date PWD/RDN/TS-4/TN/2021-22/1652 Date:22-07-2025 2) **Name of work's:** PWD/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT22191 CONSTRUCTION OF CONVENTION CENTRE AT RAICHUR CITY. IN RAICHUR TALUKA, RAICHUR DISTRICT. UNDER KKRDB MACRO (GENERAL) FUND FOR THE YEAR 2023-24. (WORK CODE RCH2317143227) **3) Amount of works:** Rs. 335692799.46 **4) EMD Amount:** Rs. 3357000.00 **5) Period (including Manson):** 18 (Eighteen) Months **6) Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tender:** 30/08/2025 16:00:00 **7) Date and Time for Opening of Tender:** 01/09/2025 16:30:00

Further, any addendums/clarifications /calendar of events & For More details visit this website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/

Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
PWD Division, RAICHUR.

DIP/RCR/310/KSMCA/311/2025-26

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Office of the Chief Engineer (South), 7th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K. G. Road, Bangalore-09.

Division	IFT Number	Amount Put to Tender / EMD Amount	Last date & Time for submission of tender	Date & Time for opening of tender
South-1	BWSSB/EES-1/TO/AE/1073/2025-26 Dt: 05.08.2025	Rs.28,57,225/- / Rs.57,200/-	16-08-2025 upto 4.00 p.m.	18-08-2025 after 4.00 p.m.
		Sd/- Executive Engineer (South)-1.		
South West-1	BWSSB/EESW-1/TO/PB/1557/2025-26 Dt: 04.08.2025	Rs.57,00,000/- / Rs.1,14,000/-	22-08-2025 upto 3.00 p.m.	25-08-2025 after 11.00 a.m.
		Sd/- Executive Engineer (South West)-1.		

The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** For further details contact the signed office during working hours.

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INVITATION FOR e-TENDER (IFT)
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION - TECHNICAL CUM COMMERCIAL TENDER
(Two cover system through e-procurement portal only)

NO: HCMU: MKTG/TRPT TENDER: 2341 : 2025-26 **Date:05.08.2025**

Hassan Co-operative Milk Union ltd. Hassan invites e- Tenders for Transportation of UHT Milk on Rate/Ltr contract Basis for the following

Sl No	Tender Name	Details				Capacity of the Vehicle
1.	UHT Milk Transportation for Defence Units	Tender are invited from Registered Transport companies for Transportation of UHT Milk From Hassan Dairy to Eastern command /Northern command /Assam Rifles ASC Depots. The Approximate quantity to be supplied for the One year is given below:				25 MT
		Command Name	Sl. No	Station Name	Apprx Quantity	
		Northern Command	1	Drass	4.53 Lakh ltrs	
			2	Kargil	6.05 Lakh ltrs	
			3	Achinathang	4.53 Lakh ltrs	
		Eastern Command	4	Lekhapani	0.90 Lakh ltrs	
			5	Chhangu	4.55 Lakh ltrs	
			6	Changsari (including Agia & Hattigor)	1.80 Lakh ltrs	
			7	Leimakhong	3.14 Lakh ltrs	
		Assam Rifles	8	Silchar	2.00 Lakh Ltrs	

Calendar of events:

1.	Access to E-tender Documents	08.08.2024 to 25.08.2025 Up to 05.00pm
2.	Last Date & Time for tender queries /clarifications	22.08.2025 Up to 05.00 pm
3.	Last Date & Time for Submission of tenders	25.08.2025 , Up to 05.00 pm
4.	Date & Time for opening of technical bid	28.08.2025, at 11.00 AM onwards
5.	Place of opening of technical and financial bid	Hassan Milk Union ltd Hassan.

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from e-procurement website **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/** Interested tenderers may obtain further information at the same address.HCMPSUL will not be responsible for server/website problems if any, late submission/part submission or non-receipt of the same.
2) The tenderers are required to pay the Earnest money deposit (E.M.D) only through e-procurement portal using any of the four modes given in Tender document for EMD details please refer tender document.
3) Other details may be obtained from the tender document. Technical Clarifications if any may be obtained from General Manager (Tech)/ Manager (Mktg.) at the above address during office hours.
4) The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

Sd/- Managing Director.
Hassan Cooperative Milk Union Ltd.,

Government of Karnataka
Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Department
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DIVISION BIDAR
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KPP -Procurement Tender Details Call-2

1) Name of Works : As mentioned in KPP-Portal, 2) Estimate cost of Work:As mentioned in KPP -Portal, 3) Eligibility of Contractor : As mentioned in KPP -Portal, 4) Amount put to tender : As mentioned in KPP -Portal, 5) Cost of tender form & Details of EMD :As mentioned in KPP -Portal, 6) Last date & time for tender queries/ clarifications KW-3 Only:**11-08-2025 Up to 17-00 Hours,** 7) Last Date & Time for receipt of Tenders KW-3 Only :**13-08-2025 Up to 16.00 Hours,** 8) Date & time for opening Technical bid KW-3 Only :**15-08-2025 @ 11.00 Hours if possible,** 9) Date & time for opening financial bid KW-3 Only : **18-08-2025 @ 11.00 Hours if possible,** 10) For any clarification and details , office to be contacted : Executive Engineer, MI & GWD Division Bidar Phone/ Fax : 08482 232080, 11) Website details : KPP portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

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